



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-3

For the meeting of: September 12, 2017

Date: September 7, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell
Subject: Harmony in Humboldt Campaign: Cannabis Farming "Best Practices" Resolution

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: There are sustainable farming methods or "best practices" that have been in use in Humboldt County in the cannabis community and the "Harmony in Humboldt" campaign is an effort to create a social movement where sustainable and organic practices are widely adopted by cannabis farmers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Estelle Fennell

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell (Seconded by Supervisor Bohn)

Ayes Fennell, Bohn, Bass, Wilson

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent Sundberg

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: September 12, 2017

By: Kathy Hayes

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

“HARMONY IN HUMBOLDT”

WHEREAS, the legal cultivation of cannabis is on track to becoming a significant segment of the Humboldt County economy; and

WHEREAS, illegal large-scale cultivation and related rural development have had clearly undesirable effects on our local rivers and watersheds including stream flow depletion, accelerated erosion and nutrient pollution; and

WHEREAS, these impacts equate to decreased available domestic and agricultural water supply, adverse conditions for fish and wildlife, and toxic cyanobacteria in some river reaches; and

WHEREAS, the loss of recreational access and the ability to fish and swim in Humboldt County’s magnificent rivers is detrimental to our quality of life and has an impact on tourism; and

WHEREAS, access to creeks and rivers for children in rural poverty constitutes a major recreational outlet and public involvement in recreational water related activities is an important contributor to community health; and

WHEREAS, the fish supported by the rivers of Humboldt County are important to Native Americans, commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, the community and the wildlife; and

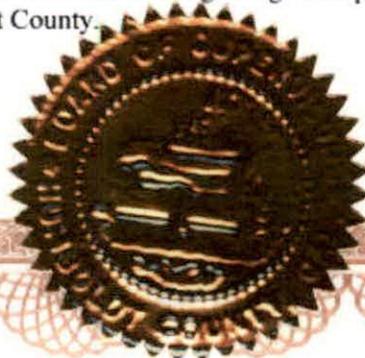
WHEREAS, there are sustainable farming methods or “best practices” that have been in use in Humboldt County in the cannabis community and now need to be more widely adopted; and

WHEREAS, the “Harmony in Humboldt” campaign is an effort to create a social movement where sustainable and organic practices are widely adopted by farmers; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of sustainable practices in the cannabis industry will improve the standing of the Humboldt brand and also ensure community prosperity and quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors applauds the “Harmony in Humboldt” campaign and recognizes the efforts of the Eel River Recovery Project, Humboldt Sun Growers Guild, KHUM radio and Lost Coast Communications to promote public education about cannabis farming using “best practices” as they apply to legal cannabis cultivation in Humboldt County.

DATED: September 12, 2017



Virginia Bass
VIRGINIA BASS, Chair