



## 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

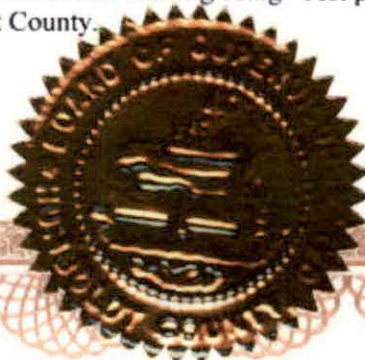
**WHEREAS**, there are sustainable farming methods or “best practices” that have been in use in Humboldt County in the cannabis community and now need to be more widely adopted; and

**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**