

## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



For the meeting of: October 17, 2017

Date: August 10, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week Proclamation.

<u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation and direct the Clerk of the Board to mail a fully executed copy to Michelle Smith, Citizen Advocate and Co-founder of California Workplace Advocates, 6387 Mother Lode Drive, #33, Placerville, CA 95667.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: October 15 - 21, 2017 is Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week and the Board of Supervisors has been asked to recognize the importance of advocating for the well-being of healthy and productive employees by ensure a safe and abuse-free work environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

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REVIEW:			0		14 1 1
Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager	Other	- A. C A 1
TYPE OF ITEM:         Consent         Departmental         Public Hearing         Other         PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:         Board Order No		BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg Ayes Wilson, Sundberg, Bohn, Bass, Fennell Nays Abstain Absent			
Meeting of:			and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report. Dated: <u>10117117</u> By: Kathy Hayes, Oeck of the Board		

## PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its citizens, employees and employers; and

WHEREAS, that well-being depends upon the existence of healthy and productive employees working in safe and abusefree work environments; and

WHEREAS, research has documented the stress-related health consequences for individuals caused by exposure to abusive work environments; and

WHEREAS, abusive work environments are costly for employers, with consequences including reduced productivity, absenteeism, turnover and injuries; and

WHEREAS, protection from abusive work environments should apply to every worker, and not be limited to legally protected class status based only on race, color, gender, national origin, age or disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims

## OCTOBER 15 – 21, 2017 AS FREEDOME FROM WORKPLACE BULLIES WEEK

in Humboldt County and commends the California Healthy Workplace Advocates and the Workplace Bullying Institute, for raising awareness of the impacts of, and solutions for, workplace bullying in the U.S.; and encourages all citizens to recognize this special observance.

**DATED:** October 17, 2017

Vugnes Barne Virginia Bass, Chair