

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: October 24, 2017

Date:

October 16, 2017

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Mike Wilson and Supervisor Ryan Sundberg

Subject:

Resolution in Support of No Straw November

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to the health of the California marine and coastal environment and to the public's enjoyment of that environment. Single-use plastic straws contribute significantly to plastic pollution. The California Costal Commission has adopted a similar resolution and has asked for coastal counties support in future legislation in helping keeping marine life safe. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will be forwarding this resolution to the Governor and State Officials.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: California Costal Commission

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution.

Prepared by Ryan Sharp			Signature	
REVIEW: Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager	Other
TYPE OF ITEM: XX Consent			Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson Seconded by Supervisor Cundh	
Departmental Public Hearing Other		Ayes Sundberg, Bass, Bohn, Wilson Nays		

Signature

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

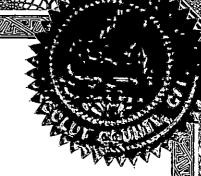
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and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

By:
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Roard



OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



Resolution in support of No Straw November

Whereas: Humboldt County Ordinance 1339 states "It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, place, deposit, leave, dispose of, or cause to be placed or disposed of, any solid waste, garbage, swill, or any rubbish or other offensive, unsightly or decaying matter of any kind whatsoever upon or along any public highway, street, thoroughfare, or right-of-way thereof, or upon any lane, alley, park, camping place, public ground, or into or onto the bank of any stream, dry watercourse, tide water, lake or reservoir;" and

Whereas: Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to the health of the California marine and coastal environment, and to the public's enjoyment of that environment; and

Whereas: More than 500 million single use plastic strawsare used in the United States each day, eventually ending up in landfills or tossed out where they eventually find their way to our beaches and the ocean; and

Whereas: Single-use plastic straws pose a significant risk to marine wildlife when ingested accidentally or mistaken for a food source; and

Whereas: Over the past 25 years, plastic straws are routinely one of the top ten items found on beaches around the world, and reducing consumption of single-use plastic straws would decrease plastic pollution in the California marine and coastal environment; and

Whereas: There are alternatives to using single use plastic straws which include paper, glass, stainless steel, and bamboo straws, or simply drinking straight from the container; and

Whereas: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the efforts of Jr Ocean Guardians to reduce single-use plastic straw pollution by declaring the month of November to be "No Straw November".

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports recognition of No Straw November as an initiative to reduce plastic pollution in the marine and coastal environment; and will transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governound to the Legislature.

Dated:

October 24, 2017

Uuzine Bon Virginia Bass, Chair