



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: January 23, 2018

Date: January 8, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Proclaim January, 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: In recognition of National Mentoring Month, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize the positive contributions local mentoring programs bring to the youth in our community to proclaim January, 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Ryan Sharp

Signature Virginia Bass

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 Wilson Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

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

Dated: 1/23/18

By: Ryan Sharp
RYAN SHARP, Deputy Clerk of the Board

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month and provides an opportunity to raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring and recognize the efforts of mentoring programs, the mentors and their mentees; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast celebrates 49 years of service to over 4,000 youth in Humboldt County who have needed and wanted mentors; and

WHEREAS, the future of Humboldt County rests on the success of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help develop personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, research shows that young people who are matched with a caring adult through a quality mentoring program are: 46% less likely to use illegal drugs, 27% less likely to start drinking, 52% less likely to skip school, and are more trusting of their parents or guardians; and

WHEREAS, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and

WHEREAS, our community has a number of individuals, teachers, community volunteers, and so many other who support the mentoring movement and work selflessly to improve our children's odds for success; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate all the efforts of these past and present local heroes and say "thank you" for supporting children facing challenging circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim January 2018 as "National Mentoring Month" and encourages all Humboldt County citizens to promote the creation and expansion of quality mentoring programs to equip young people with the tools needed to lead healthy and productive lives, and for Humboldt County residents to honor the role models in their lives by becoming mentors to youth in their community.

Dated: January 23, 2018


RYAN SUNDBERG, Chair