RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY approving the agricultural conservation easement proposal to the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, administered by the California Department of Conservation for the Marshall Ranch conservation easement.

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program and is administered by the Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency, and through a grant program is providing assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressures; and

WHEREAS, the California Rangeland Trust intends to purchase a conservation easement from the Marshall family covering approximately 2,942 acres adjacent to the community of Briceland, consisting of forest and rangeland. The purpose of the easement is to conserve priority forest and agricultural resources consistent with the goals and policies of the Humboldt County General Plan for the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approves the Marshall Ranch easement proposal and certifies that the easement proposal meets the following eligibility criteria:

- a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The land is also in an area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services, and the surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production.
- b) Humboldt County has a general plan which demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to the area of Humboldt County where the easement acquisition is proposed.
- c) Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY, approves said proposal to purchase the Marshall Ranch agricultural conservation easement and certifies that the easement proposal meets the stated eligibility requirements.

Dated: August 21, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair