PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center observes the National March for Meals Campaign in March to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs – both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 observance of the March for Meals campaign provides an opportunity to support the nutrition program that provides vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center through the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs have served Humboldt County admirably for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center provides nutritious meals to seniors in the communities of McKinlevyille, Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna which helps them maintain their health and independence and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center's programs provide a powerful socialization opportunity for hundreds of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March, 2019 as March for Meals Month and urges every citizen to take time this month to honor our Senior Nutrition programs, the seniors they serve, and the volunteers and staff who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2019 March for Meals campaign can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in our community.

DATED: March 5, 2019

Rex Bohn, Chair