## **PROCLAMATION**

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, 29 years ago, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, guaranteeing equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the ADA is steadily driving policy changes that have enabled more people with significant mental and physical disabilities to live independently, safely, and happily in the community; and

WHEREAS, based on information from the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2017 American Community Survey and the 2010 Census, there are approximately 22,500 people with disabilities that reside in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, each of us has a 20% chance of being a person with a disability and a 50% chance of having a family member with a disability, and these numbers are expected to increase as our population ages; and

WHEREAS, the people of Humboldt County are proud to join together to commemorate this anniversary as we reflect upon the positive impact the ADA has had on our country and as we commit ourselves to further its implementation for the welfare of all our residents.

Now, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 as "Americans with Disabilities Act 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week" in Humboldt County, and urges all citizens to join in this Celebration.

DATED: July 23, 2019



REX BOHN, Chair

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