RESOLUTION
of the
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Michael Fridley enlisted in the United States Army. He served as a paratrooper in the 82nd airborne division. After his honorable discharge, he used his GI bill to enroll in the police academy, to continue a life of service to his county and country; and

WHEREAS, in October of 1991, Michael Fridley was hired by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1992, Michael Fridley completed the Field Training Program and was assigned to work out of the Garberville Substation; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1993, due to layoffs, Michael Fridley resigned from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, and accepted employment with the Crescent City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Michael Fridley left the Crescent City Police Department and returned to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff II. He resumed his position at the Garberville Substation; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1997, Michael Fridley was transferred from his assignment at the Garberville Substation to the Main Station; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1998, Michael Fridley was assigned to the Special Enforcement Team (SET). He served on that team for approximately one year; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1998, Michael Fridley was assigned to the Boating Safety Position. He held this position for approximately five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Michael Fridley was awarded the Sheriff's Star for bravery displayed during the apprehension of a wanted murder suspect in the Orick area. During this incident, Michael Fridley negotiated face to face for approximately 45 minutes with this murder suspect who was holding a loaded firearm; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2005, Michael Fridley was assigned to the position of Field Training Officer (FTO); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2006, Michael Fridley was assigned to the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), and will be retiring as the Commander of that team; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2006, Michael Fridley was promoted to the position of Sheriff's Sergeant, assigned to the Hoopa Substation; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2007, Michael Fridley was awarded the Medal of Valor, for heroics displayed during a traffic stop on November 11, 2005. During this incident, Michael Fridley selflessly put himself in great peril to save the life of fellow Deputy Justin Braud who was being held at gunpoint by a resisting suspect. Michael Fridley was able to get his hand between the hammer and firing pin of the suspect's firearm, preventing it from firing when the trigger was pulled, ultimately saving the life of his partner; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2009, Michael Fridley completed his assignment at the Hoopa Substation and was transferred back to Main Station; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2016, Michael Fridley was promoted to the position of Sheriff's Lieutenant, the position he currently holds; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fridley participated in many rescues and tense critical incidents throughout his career, being awarded two lifesaving medals and many commendations; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fridley has always approached his career in Law Enforcement with passion, caring, enthusiasm, honor, a sense of humor, compassion for the community he served, and loyalty to those he served with; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff William F. Honsal and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks Deputy Michael Fridley for his dedicated 29 years of selfless service to the citizens of Humboldt County. We all wish him well in retirement. He will be greatly missed.

July 28, 2020

Estelle Fennell, Chair