

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the month of February is National Children's Dental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month is an event that promotes education and awareness along with our local "Smile Humboldt" program highlighting the belief that "The Power is in Your Hands" to embrace healthy habits and to make and keep dental appointments; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to protect your child's oral health by reinforcing a commitment in the home to value oral health by practicing daily preventive dental care; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common disease found in children and is avoidable by brushing twice daily for two minutes using fluoridated toothpaste, flossing daily, having routine dental check-ups and eating a diet low in sugary foods and drinks; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic local dental offices are following health guidelines to keep everyone safe so that preventive and restorative treatment can continue; and

WHEREAS, our county supports system changes for better access to fluoride varnish, dental sealants and fluoridated water, regardless of income; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation and advocacy demonstrated by the Dental Advisory Group, the Oral Health Leadership Team and many additional partners that positively impact children, represent the strong commitment to meeting the oral health needs of Humboldt County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims February 2021 as National Children's Dental Health Month and calls upon the people of Humboldt County to use and promote good oral health habits and encourage friends and family to do the same.

Date: February 9, 2021

Virginia Bass, Chair

