

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 1991, Michael Richardson began working for the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department as a Planner II possessing extensive knowledge from his prior experience working on major planning projects, like a Housing Element Update and Economic Studies for the County of Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 1993, Michael was promoted to Senior Planner in the Planning Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 Michael proved to be resilient by working outside his normal assignment, he learned the complexities of the voice mail systems and spearheaded the work of rewiring the antiquated phone system. In the process, he established an effective independent voice mail system, including a "zone phone". In this effort he resolved a tough situation; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael's dedication and hard work exemplified his contributions to bringing forth major projects, such as revising the Housing Element of the Humboldt County General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael has spearheaded the update of the Housing Element for the last four (4) cycles. The County Housing policies have been shaped and implemented by Michael's diligent work. This includes formation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to assist with the Housing Element revisions which provided guidance on many housing policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Kirk Girard, Michael's previous department director commended him highly because his work product was completed with the highest degree of professionalism and technical skill, and that he was fortunate to have "Mad Max" on the team; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael has been a vital resource to the organization due to his knowledge of the people, places, and issues that have been a part of the policy making process over his 32-year tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael may be the only person to ever be involved in a General Plan process from start to finish, a process that took 17 years to complete, his perseverance to be commended; and

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**WHEREAS**, Michael's customer service skills are exemplary as he served County residents with a level of fairness and professionalism, ensuring the public is heard and represented; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2017, Michael was promoted to Supervising Planner, responsible for the Long-Range Planning Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael is highly respected by those he has supervised, as he has always modeled respectful collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past 32 years, Michael has shared a vast technical expertise with his fellow colleagues, while having an elevated enthusiasm for his work and dedication to community; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael has had a fruitful career with the County of Humboldt contributing many policy documents and project approvals. He will be missed by his coworkers, agency partners, and engaged community members; and

**WHEREAS**, as a testament to his tenaciousness, Michael has successfully navigated through the Planning & Building Department's permit process and obtained the necessary permits to build his dream house and after 20 years of persistence, he was recently able to move in.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and citizens of Humboldt County hereby commend and thank Michael Richardson for his dedication and service to the citizens of Humboldt County and wish him a long and prosperous retirement.

Dated: June 27, 2023



Steve Madrone, Chair