

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

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler graduated in 1972 from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler served as General Medical Officer (Lt. Cmdr) in the United States Public Health Services, Indian Health Service, Zuni Indian Hospital in Zuni NM, 1973-1976; and

**WHEREAS**, he did an Internal Medicine Internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York and then onto his Internal Medicine Residency at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, completing his training in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler earned a lifetime certification as a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler chose to start his career in Humboldt County in 1978 and joined Arcata Family Medical Group until they closed in 2000. He then continued to serve his patients at Eureka Internal Medicine (now Providence Medical Group - Internal Medicine), until his retirement from clinical practice; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler was voted to receive the Senior Resource Centers Geriatric Humanitarian Award for Caring, Compassion and outstanding medical care in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler was voted "Physician of the Year" by the California Medical Assistants Association, Redwood Chapter in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Dr. Kessler's career, he's retained memberships in the following professional societies: Alpha Omega Alpha, Honor Medical Society; California Medical Association/Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society, American College of Physicians (being elected a "Fellow" of the American College of Physicians in 2011) and the Humboldt Independent Practice Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler has served as Chief of Staff at both Mad River Community Hospital (1984) and St. Joseph Hospital (2011). He has served on many committees and in various lead capacities, including St. Joseph Hospital Board of Trustees, President of the Humboldt IPA, Medical Advisory Committee for Redwood Coast PACE Program and most recently taking on the role of President of the Humboldt Senior Resource Center Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler has been recognized as an outstanding mentor for many Young Physicians and Resident Physicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kessler was honored as the Frederick KM Plessner Memorial Award winner by the California Medical Association which recognizes the California physician who best exemplifies the ethics and practice of a rural county practitioner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors, and expresses our gratitude for Dr. Kessler's contribution to the Public Health of the community and acknowledges his recognition as the prestigious recipient of the Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award.

DATED: October 24, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair

