

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of the

Great American Smokeout *November 7, 2023*

Whereas, the American Cancer Society encourages all tobacco users to join the Great American Smokeout and quit tobacco for at least one day; *and*

Whereas, each year, nearly 34,000 California adults die from smoking and 20,300 kids become new daily smokers; *and*

Whereas, vaping electronic cigarettes has made smoking more attractive to youth and harder to quit; *and*

Whereas, electronic cigarettes create hazardous waste in the form of plastics, semi-conductors, heavy metals and lithium-ion batteries for which there is no established disposal or recovery procedure; *and*

Whereas, 14-percent of 7th graders in Arcata have tried electronic cigarettes, and 10-percent of 11th graders are regular users with more than double that rate in non-traditional high schools; *and*

Whereas, there are many resources to help people quit-using nicotine including Kick-It California and a special program that youth can access through their schools called YVAPE.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of Eureka, California, hereby recognizes and supports the American Cancer Society's GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and encourages all residents who use tobacco products to consider that they do not have to stop smoking in one day. Just start with day one.

Kim Bergel
Mayor
November 7, 2023