

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, between 6,000 and 9,000 wildfires plague California each year, destroying property, taking lives, and damaging our state's valuable watershed and precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the risk of larger and more destructive wildfires that threaten or take lives and destroy homes, is predicted to increase over the next several decades because of climate change; and

WHEREAS, improving a home's resistance to wildfire and planning to leave early in a safe manner can dramatically increase the safety of the public and emergence personnel; and

WHEREAS, working collaboratively to increase the wildfire resilience of our communities and landscapes through fire safe councils, Firewise communities, prescribed burn associations, Tribal cultural fire management organizations, and other wildfire mitigations groups will increase the impact of our efforts; and

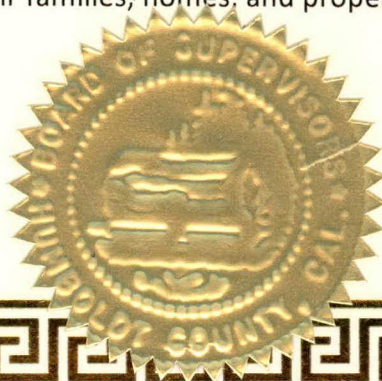
WHEREAS, California fires and their smoke can pose severe health risks, including serious respiratory ailments, reaching far beyond the wildfire boundaries and can irritate human respiratory systems and worsen chronic heart and lung disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 94 percent of wildfire in California are human causes and therefore, preventable; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Awareness Month is the perfect opportunity for our community and fire service agencies to educate each other on public safety, fire safety, fire preparation and fire prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **May 2024** as WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH and asks all residents of Humboldt County take responsibility for preparing their families, homes, and property for wildfires.

DATED: MAY 7, 2024



Rex Bohn, Chair