

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, on October 5, 6 and 7, 2023, the North Coast Stand Down will take place at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Stand Down is to reach out and provide a hand up to local veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the term Stand Down is a military one that is used in war times when exhausted combat soldiers requiring time to rest and recover were told to "stand down" and were taken from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety; and

WHEREAS, today, Stand Downs are held across the country as grass-roots, community-based events designed to help veterans obtain information about and access to medical, employment, social services, legal, and other types of assistance; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of America's adult homeless population have served their country in the Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Stand Down is committed to providing access to additional short-term and long-term resources, including shelter for the weekend and opportunities to begin drug and alcohol recovery; and

WHEREAS, like the North Coast Stand Down, the most effective programs for veterans are community-based, nonprofit, "Veterans Helping Veterans" groups; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 North Coast Stand Down will make a positive difference in the lives of local veterans and their families and raise community awareness of the needs of soldiers returning from active duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and commends the 2023 North Coast Stand Down committee and volunteers for their efforts to address the needs of veterans on the North Coast and encourages all North Coast veterans in need of services to attend the Stand Down.

Date: October 10, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair

