

# Proclamation

of the  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists are responsible for determining initial and continuing eligibility for a variety of public assistance programs which provide critical access to medical services, food assistance and financial assistance in our community; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists play a critical role in ensuring that people who are eligible for government assistance programs receive the support they need and help reduce poverty and improve the lives of vulnerable individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists are on the front lines serving vulnerable populations, including low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities and work tirelessly to ensure these families individuals receive the support and resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists possess a wealth of knowledge about government programs and regulations and use this expertise to help people navigate complex systems and ensure people receive the benefits they are entitled to; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists demonstrate a high level of compassion in their work and understand the challenges faced by individuals and families who are struggling to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists are often among the first to communicate with an individual or a family in crisis and proactively work with providers, community-based organizations and other agencies to best serve their shared customers; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists have mastered the art of pivoting and prioritizing in order to provide the best possible service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists served in numerous emergency response roles during the pandemic and other local emergencies including assignments at the Office of Emergency Services and American Red Cross shelters; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists are the very embodiment of the Department of Health & Human Services vision of “People helping people live better lives”; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility Specialists face high caseloads and complex tasks, but continue to work diligently to improve the lives of vulnerable populations and provide service to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 11 – June 17, 2023, as “Eligibility Specialist Appreciation Week” in Humboldt County and honors Eligibility Specialists for all they do to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and the communities within our county.

Date: June 13, 2023



*Steve Madrone*  
Chair, Steve Madrone