

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Tim Ash has volunteered as a member of the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board since 2006, consistently attending and participating in meetings and serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Tim has served three terms as Board chair, organizing and leading the Behavioral Health Board with confidence and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Tim has volunteered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness for nearly 20 years, advocating for the voice of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Tim was instrumental in the formation of Humboldt's Sequential Intercept Mapping Initiative, which aims to minimize criminal justice involvement for people with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, one of Tim's fellow Board members called his time on the Behavioral Health Board "an incredible service," adding that they don't know anyone who has been on the Board longer or served as chair more times; and

WHEREAS, Department of Health & Humans Services (DHHS) Administration and DHHS-Behavioral Health Administration have benefitted greatly over the many years from Tim's compassionate lens, practicality, and wise counsel; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Behavioral Health Board legislative committee, Tim confidently led the Board's careful consideration and advocacy of state legislation impacting the behavioral health system and the lives of people experiencing mental illness; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Stakeholder Committee and Curriculum Committee, Tim was integral in building relationships with key stakeholders and investigating issues that were crucial in the growth and development of Humboldt's CIT program; and

WHEREAS, Tim served as a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, which met multiple times in 2017 and 2018 in order to thoughtfully discuss recommendations made in the Transitional Organizational Assessment of DHHS, published in 2016, and reported back to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Tim's knowledge of and commitment to addressing the criminalization of mental illness has proven deeply valuable in all his service roles; and

WHEREAS, Tim takes a whole-system approach to behavioral health, lifting up the many ways our community's multiple public systems impact people with mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors, and expresses our gratitude to Tim Ash for his years of dedication to the Behavioral Health Board and tireless commitment and advocacy for those suffering from mental illness in our community, and wishes him happiness as he steps down from his official capacity on the Board and embarks on his next chapter.

Dated: June 27, 2023



Steve Madrone, Chair