

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2022 DECEMBER
FERNDALE EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022, the County of Humboldt and surrounding areas experienced a 6.4 magnitude earthquake, causing significant disruption and challenges for our residents and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, following the initial earthquake, the county experienced over 200 aftershocks, one of which being a 5.4 magnitude on New Year's Day, resulting in increased earthquake related damages; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 December Ferndale Earthquake had a profound impact on the lives of our residents, resulting in damage to homes, businesses, and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the response efforts of emergency services, first responders, volunteers, and community members in the aftermath of the earthquake demonstrated resilience, unity and compassion in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the hard work and dedication of individuals and organizations involved in the recovery and rebuilding process, recognizing their unwavering commitment to restoring normalcy to the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these earthquakes, approximately 350 structures were damaged, with 90 of those structures deemed unsafe to occupy, and 13 structures still remain unsafe to occupy; and

WHEREAS, through coordinated efforts, the community has made strides in recovering from the earthquake's effects, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to commemorate the one year anniversary of the 2022 December Ferndale Earthquake as an opportunity to reflect upon the challenges faced, celebrate the progress made and express gratitude for the resilience of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and commemorates the one year anniversary of the 2022 December Ferndale Earthquake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors expresses its deepest appreciation to all those who contributed to the recovery efforts and acknowledges the ongoing work to rebuild and strengthen our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2023.

Steve Madrone
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors