

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of

Transit Appreciation Day
March 21st, 2023

- Whereas*, local and regional public transportation are necessities for our community; *and*
- Whereas*, Humboldt Transit Authority operates the transit system in Humboldt County providing 7 day a week transit service to help our communities, tribes, and educational institutions meet our transportation, sustainability, and equity goals; *and*
- Whereas*, Transit operators and maintenance team members work hard each day to help customers access jobs, health care, school, community services, and many other personal, social, and civic opportunities; *and*
- Whereas*, The Covid-19 public health emergency had reinforced how vital public transit is to our communities; and throughout the pandemic, transit team members have worked on the front line, adapting to new work environments and safety requirements and helping customers to safely get to their essential destinations while also responding to significant in their own lives; *and*
- Whereas*, Transit team members start their days before the sun rises and finish them long after the sun is set, including working weekend and on or around holidays, whole many of us are spending time with family and friends; *and*
- Whereas*, In addition to meeting stringent safety requirements, transit team members must demonstrate customer service, patience, empathy, and understanding to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for community members and visitors; *and*
- Whereas*, Communities across the United States observe Transit Driver Appreciation Day each year on March 18; Transit Driver Appreciation Day is an annual event to celebrate the essential service of public transit operators. The date of March 18th was selected to commemorate the first bus line, Blaise Pascal's Carosses a Cinq Sous in Paris, 1662; *and*
- Whereas*, Bus operators keep our communities moving. Through storms and sunny weather, they were and are with us every step of the way. On **Transit Driver Appreciation Day**, we recognize and honor their dedication in giving 100% **every day**.

Now, therefore, I Mayor Kim Bergel, on behalf of the Eureka City Council, declare the March 21, 2023 to be Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Kim Bergel
Mayor
March 21st, 2023