City of Eureka



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In Recognition of the 2024 Humboldt County Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) In Eureka to Support Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) June 20, 2024

Whereas, Special Olympics has been changing lives and attitudes for over 56 years, and today is the largest worldwide sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities in over 200 counties; and

Whereas, law enforcement officers from around the world have logged over 500,000 miles running in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) to support Special Olympics since 1981; and

Whereas, 2024 marks the 27th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Northern California and we will be celebrating the Humboldt County Torch Run on June 20th; and

Whereas, since 1997, Law Enforcement in Northern California have raised over \$20 million in support of athlete programs making the annual Torch Run the largest public awareness and grass-root fundraiser for Special Olympics; and

Whereas, The City of Eureka enthusiastically supports the efforts of Special Olympics to deliver essential health, wellness and sports programs; to promote social inclusion to end bullying and discrimination; and to join people with and without disabilities together to compete as teammates in Unified Sports; and

Whereas, The City of Eureka wishes to "Inspire Greatness" in our local athletes and commends the efforts of our Eureka Police Officers demonstrating their moral strength and courage as "Guardians of the Flame" in support of Special Olympics Northern California.

Now, therefore, I Kim Bergel, Mayor of the City of Eureka, do now hereby proclaim June 20, 2024 as "Torch Run Day" and encourage our community to join with all participating Law Enforcement personnel throughout Humboldt County in support of Special Olympics Northern California.