Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION

in honor of

United States Coast Guard Month

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is one of America's six armed forces and traces its founding to August 4th, 1790, when the first Congress authorized construction of ten vessels
to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect federal revenue; and

WHEREAS, today's Coast Guard is the nation's oldest continuous maritime service, which over its 234-year history has been known as the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the Revenue Cutter Service, the Steamboat Inspection Service, the Lighthouse Board, the U.S. Life-Saving service, the Bureau of Navigation and the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard is a maritime, military, multi-mission service that is unique among
the U.S. military branches for having a maritime law enforcement mission with jurisdiction in both domestic and international waters; and

WHEREAS, twenty-nine cities have worked diligently to acknowledge the contributions and services provided by Coast Guard members who serve in their communities as well as Coast Guard veterans, and by doing so, have been recognized as official "Coast Guard Cities", including the City of Eureka which was designated as the second official Coast Guard City in the nation on June 3rd, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt heartily commends the service of the members of the Coast Guard, and recognizes the role that servicemembers and their families play beyond City limits throughout our County and the entire north coast; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard family housing in the greater Eureka area lies within the unincorporated portion of the County of Humboldt, Coast Guard members live and work countywide, Coast Guard families support and strengthen our entire community, and our public agencies all benefit from the collaborative and positive relationship we enjoy with Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, Coast Guard Base Alameda, and leaders at the District, Area and Federal Level; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay has a complement of 210 personnel that serve the safety and well-being of our community every day, and together, Sector Humboldt Bay's team has, within the past year, conducted 163 Search and Rescue missions, protected 6.8 million dollars of property, assisted 209 people in distress, and saved 21 lives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
recognizes August 2024 as U.S. Coast Guard Month in the County of Humboldt, we honor and recognize their many contributions of the Coast Guard to our community and encourage all residents to acknowledge and uplift the meaningful service and sacrifice of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Dated: August 13, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair