

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



WHEREAS, California's long coastline, its proximity to earthquake faults and its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" make it vulnerable to tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, 46 tsunamis have been recorded on California's North Coast, including five that caused damage; and

WHEREAS, eleven residents of Del Norte County, California, were killed by the tsunami generated by the 1964 Alaska earthquake; and one resident of Del Norte County, California, was killed by the tsunami generated by the 2011 Japan earthquake; and

WHEREAS, a tsunami warning was issued for Humboldt County coastlines after the Japan earthquake in 2011 and a tsunami advisory was issued in 2022 after the explosive volcanic eruption in Tonga; and

WHEREAS, a tsunami warning was issued for Humboldt County five minutes after the December 5, 2024 magnitude 7.0 earthquake and disseminated through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system, as well as through local alert and warning systems, causing a mixed public response and highlighting the need for increased earthquake and tsunami education in the community; and

WHEREAS, tsunamis caused by underwater landslides as well as offshore earthquakes can occur at any time and with little warning; and

WHEREAS, education, awareness and communication are fundamental to saving lives in a tsunami event; and

WHEREAS, the *Living on Shaky Ground* publication contains the most updated, vetted and locally relevant earthquake and tsunami preparedness information for the North Coast; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has declared March 22 – 30 Tsunami Preparedness week; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt encourages all residents living, working or recreating within a tsunami hazard zone to participate in a county-wide evacuation drill at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 26, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim their support of tsunami education and evacuation drills and encourage agencies, businesses, other organizations to test their ability to receive and respond to a tsunami coming from nearby or far away.

DATED: March 18, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair