

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA APPROVING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FIRST RESPONDER SYMBOL AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS; and Public Works plays a vital role in responding to emergencies by supporting public safety emergency response partners, helping protect essential services, and restoring those services following an emergency; and

WHEREAS; and in 2017, the American Public Works Association ("APWA") created a national "Public Works First Responder" symbol to be used throughout North America to recognize Public Works professionals as "First Responders"; and

WHEREAS; and the National Incident Management System ("NIMS") lists Public Works alongside Police, Fire, and Public Health workers in its documentation; and

WHEREAS; and the efforts of Public Works First Responders represent an essential function protecting our citizens and communities that no other agency provides; and

WHEREAS; and the City of Eureka ("City") would like to authorize the Public Works Department to use the "Public Works First Responder" symbol, as adopted by the American Public Works Association, to raise awareness among all citizens, government officials, and other first responders about the critical role Public Works plays in emergency management efforts; and

WHEREAS; the City Council finds it in the public's best interest to designate the City's Public Works employees as First Responders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eureka, that:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part of hereof by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City of Eureka Public Works Department employees are hereby designated as First Responders. The City's Public Works Department is authorized to use the "Public Works First Responder" symbol, as adopted by the APWA.

SECTION 3. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective from and after the date of passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Eureka in the County of Humboldt, State of California, on the . day of _October 21st_, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS

Kim Bergel, Mayor of the City of Eureka

Attest:

Pamela J. Powell, City Clerk

Approved as to Administration:

Approved as to form:

Miles Slattery, City Manager

Robert Black, City Attorney