PROCLAMATION

in Recognition of

NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

November 2026

WHEREAS, Hospice of Humboldt has been dedicated to serving those facing terminal illness, along with their families, since 1979. Through compassionate, patient-centered care, individuals can live with peace and dignity, whether in their own homes or at the Ida Emmerson Hospice House, surrounded by loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the essence of hospice and palliative care is meeting patients and families where they are, providing comfort, support, and reassurance while preserving hope and quality of life. Hospice of Humboldt's Home-Based Palliative Care program supports people living with serious illness who may still be receiving treatment or are not yet ready for hospice, bringing an interdisciplinary team directly into the home to help manage symptoms, navigate complex health needs, and improve quality of life for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Humboldt recognizes the growing need for palliative and hospice services in our rural community and remains committed to expanding its programs, ensuring that more individuals and families across Humboldt County can access the care and support they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Humboldt operates the Ida Emmerson Hospice House, the only specialized inpatient hospice facility within hundreds of miles, providing compassionate, around-the-clock care and support for patients and families throughout Humboldt County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Humboldt envisions a compassionate community where no one dies alone or in fear, and where all who grieve find comfort. The organization encourages everyone to engage in open conversations with their families, loved ones, and healthcare providers about their end-of-life wishes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Arcata that **November 2026** is **NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH.** The Council extends its heartfelt thanks to Hospice of Humboldt for its vital role in raising awareness of hospice and palliative care and for providing these invaluable services to our community.

Dated: November 4, 2026

Kimberley White
Mayor