RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Jason Benge was hired as a Correctional Officer I on July 3, 1995 by Sheriff Dennis Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Jason was promoted to the position of Correctional Officer II on June 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, after only a few years working with the department Jason was promoted to the position of Senior Correctional Officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2013 Jason was promoted to the position of Correctional Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2017 Jason was selected as the Sheriff's Compliance Officer for the Sheriff's Office and was instrumental in updating and creating several policies for the Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2018 Jason was promoted to his current rank of Correctional Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Jason was selected to temporarily fill the role of Correctional Captain for several months in the absence of the assigned Correctional Captain; and WHEREAS, Jason has held the specialty positions within the Sheriff's Office of Transportation officer, Senior Classification for two separate three year appointments, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Team Leader in the Specialized Emergency Response Team and Direct Supervision Instructor; and

WHEREAS, throughout Jason's career he has maintained his strong ties to the community by supporting local youth through his incredible coaching efforts having coached youth sports for over 25 years. This has allowed him to be a role model and mentor for so many kids in the community many of which he still maintains bonds with as adults; and

WHEREAS, Jason has been active throughout his entire career in educating teachers, youth, and parents on the dangers of gangs by conducting countless presentations in the community receiving numerous commendations and creating a gang intelligence gathering team within the Humboldt County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, Jason has been involved and led the Humboldt County Gang Resource Intelligence Team for several years including being recognized by the Humboldt County Superior Court as a gang expert witness for court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Jason will be retiring on April 28, 2023 after working for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and serving this county and community for almost 28 years. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors thank and commend Correctional Lieutenant Jason Benge for his incredible contribution to not only the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office but also the entire community.

Dated: April 25, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair