



Proclamation
of the
**Humboldt County Association of Governments
Board of Directors**

Recognizing Transit Month 2026 and the Week Without Driving

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Association of Governments recognizes the vital role that public transportation plays in our communities by connecting people to the places they want to go and to the destinations they need to reach. Transit operators provide an essential service that enriches our community's economy and environment. Transit riders are an important part of the transportation system; their transit trips take cars off the roads, free up parking spaces, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change; and

WHEREAS, The Humboldt County Association of Governments believes that when officials have current experience riding the bus regularly, they are better informed to make policy and budgetary decisions. The Week Without Driving highlights the lived experience of nondrivers, helping elected officials understand the experience of their constituents who do not drive. In all our communities, we know people who do not drive. They are people like an elderly family member who cannot drive; and a co-worker who is blind and cannot drive; and a classmate who has epilepsy and cannot drive; and a favorite barista who cannot afford to own a car; and a friend who doesn't have documentation to get a driver's license; and a 13-year-old neighbor who cannot drive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Humboldt County Association of Governments Board of Directors hereby recognizes September 2026 as Transit Month and encourages all people in Humboldt County to recognize the value of public transportation for individuals and the community at large and celebrate the people who provide and use transit.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the HCAOG Board of Directors recognizes October 1 through October 8, 2026, as the Week Without Driving, and encourages elected officials and other residents to ride public transportation and explore the many ways public transportation connects Humboldt County, and to support continued investment in safe, reliable, accessible, and sustainable public transportation.

Attest:

Rob Holmlund, HCAOG Executive Director

Mike Johnson, HCAOG Chair