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HCAOG Proclamation
County-Wide Traffic Safety Task Force Proclamation

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the city of Eureka convened representatives from multiple jurisdictions as a County-Wide Traffic Safety Task Force focused on increasing driver and pedestrian safety throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County ranks #1 out of 58 Counties (in 2018) for traffic collisions involving a pedestrian, has fatal collision rates double the national average and nearly triple those of California; and

WHEREAS, while effective transportation safety policies include a multi-faceted approach including infrastructure development and improvements, enforcement of the laws and education, safe streets also rely on the personal responsibility and behavior of those who use them; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that drivers have an inherent responsibility to maintain a culture of respect and courtesy, avoid causing harm and protect the community's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County residents pride themselves on being values driven, innovative and proactive problem solvers and responsive and responsible protectors of community residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, national statistics and local experience indicate that low-income people, people of color, older people, and people with disabilities are more likely to be killed while walking or biking, and we are committed to addressing these tragic inequities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Association of Governments recognizes that safely navigating our streets and sidewalks is a cooperative activity, and that the traffic collisions are not inevitable, and therefore adopts the Vision Zero goal to work towards eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, health, equitable mobility for all.

Attest:

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