

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PEARL WATTS ON THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY AND ON HER LONG LEADERSHIP IN THE MENDOCINO COAST COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Pearl has played a pivotal role in developing and establishing the Mendocino Coast Community Library and has supported the Mendocino County Library system for fully twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Pearl joined the Library Advisory Board as the City of Point Arena Representative in 2017 where she has been a tireless advocate for all branch libraries within the Mendocino County Library system; and

WHEREAS, Pearl served as President of the Coast Community Library Board from 2001 through 2005. During these years she oversaw the appeal for funds to purchase the historic building on Main Street, the present site of the Coast Community Library, and oversaw the complete restoration of the building which opened to the public in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Pearl served on the steering committee for the Yes on Measure A campaign in 2011, to ensure that all libraries in Mendocino County would have adequate funding to provide services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pearl provided leadership in an appeal for funds for the seismic retrofit of the Coast Community Library which was completed in 2016. She was the driving force in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars from the community within a period of a few months; and

WHEREAS, Pearl demonstrated hands-on leadership to support the libraries in Mendocino County. No task was too small for Pearl's participation, from painting the walls of the Coast Community Library during its restoration, to attending Board of Supervisors meetings to represent the concerns and interests of the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby honors Pearl Watts, for her dedication to the public good through her tireless work for the Coast Community Library, and for all branch libraries in the Mendocino County Library system through her work on the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board

Dated: February 23, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair