

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MARCH 22 – 26, 2021, AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, California’s long coastline, its proximity to other coastal states with offshore earthquake faults and its location on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” make it vulnerable to tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, 39 tsunamis have been recorded on California’s North Coast since 1933, including five that caused damage; and

WHEREAS, eleven residents of Del Norte County, California, were killed by the tsunami generated by the 1964 Alaska earthquake; and

WHEREAS, one resident of Del Norte County, California, was killed by the tsunami generated by the 2011 Japan earthquake; and

WHEREAS, ten years have passed since a Tsunami Warning was declared for the Japan tsunami, with evacuations ordered in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, tsunamis caused by underwater landslides as well as offshore earthquakes can occur at any time and with little warning; and

WHEREAS, education, awareness and communication are fundamental to saving lives in a tsunami event; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has established an emergency notification system; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, the National Weather Service and the County of Mendocino mark ten years since the 2011 Japan tsunami and 57 years since the Alaska tsunami by testing their ability to issue tsunami warnings for Mendocino County via the Emergency Alert System at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 24, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim their support of the tsunami communications test and encourage agencies, businesses, other organizations to test their ability to receive and respond to a distant-source tsunami event.

Dated: March 23, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair