

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 ARTS
CHAMPION AWARDS AS NOMINATED BY THE COMMUNITY
AND SELECTED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO
COUNTY: THE GREEN ROOM, BUSINESS CHAMPION;
CATHLEEN MICHEAELS, ARTIST CHAMPION; ALBERT
REPOVSCH, INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION; GARY MARTIN,
EDUCATOR CHAMPION; WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS,
ARTS ORGANIZATION CHAMPION; DAVID "SUS" SUSALLA,
HONORABLE MENTION; AND JIM COLLING, POSTHUMOUS
HONORABLE MENTION**

WHEREAS, the Arts Council of Mendocino County's mission is to promote the arts and cultivate creativity to benefit and enrich the lives of residents and visitors ; and

WHEREAS, The Green Room has been chosen as the Business Arts Champion, having generously contracted with muralist Nicole Ponsler to create a clearly visible, appealing nature-themed mural that greatly enhances the south entry into Point Arena; and

WHEREAS, Cathleen Micheaels is the 2018 honoree in the Artist category for integrating literary and visual-arts partnerships in schools and communities, and engages students of all ages in cross-age poetry writing, bookmaking, printmaking and photography projects; and

WHEREAS, Albert Repovsch is the Mendocino County Arts Champion in the Individual category, and has made the site of the former Albert's gas station in the center of town available free of charge to many art-related events over several years; and

WHEREAS, Gary Martin, curator at Willits Center for the Arts, is the Arts Champion in the Educator category, presenting monthly talks and slideshows about art, art history, and art appreciation, and continues to teach art to schoolchildren and other age groups; and

WHEREAS, Willits Center for the Arts is the Arts Organization Champion for the Arts, showcasing local and out-of-area artists in professional-quality exhibits in its gallery, providing an events venue, and helping to rejuvenate the Willits economy; and

WHEREAS, David "Sus" Susalla for his work as executive director of the vibrantly active Gualala Arts Center since 2004, and for his contributions to its arts community generally, has been chosen for Honorable Mention as an Arts Champion; and

WHEREAS, Jim Colling for his work as a skilled and passionate painter, president of the Ukiah Valley Art Coop and the Mendocino County Art Association, and organizer of Ukiah's Art Faire and Studio Tours has been chosen for posthumous Honorable Mention as an Arts Champion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes David "Sus" Susalla and Jim Colling for Honorable Mention as Arts Champions of Mendocino County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes The Green Room, Cathleen Micheaels, Albert Repovsch, Gary Martin, and the Willits Center for the Arts as the 2018 Arts Champions of Mendocino County, and calls upon its citizens to honor the contributions these individuals and organizations have made to enrich the cultural life of our county.

Dated:

Dan Hamburg, Chair