

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Mendocino County was Incorporated on October 1, 1993 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Community Foundation is to offer people effective ways to engage in advancing the well-being of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation envisions a thriving Mendocino County, with communities that appreciate their special sense of place and the unique beauty of their natural environment, and that provide growing opportunities for people of all ages to lead healthy lives and to work, learn, create, contribute, and prosper; and



WHEREAS, the Community Foundation began with a \$500 donation a quarter century ago and now has a total of \$35.5 million dollars in assets with nearly 90% of that total endowed for perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation includes over 160 donor or board directed funds, including 31 scholarship funds; and

WHEREAS, , in 2004 the Community Foundation created The Community Endowment Fund, an unrestricted grant fund, with an initial pledge of \$250,000, successfully fundraising an additional \$750,000 to establish the fund; and

WHEREAS, , the Community Endowment Fund for Mendocino County provides funding for the Community Enrichment Grant program which annually provides funding for diverse community enrichment programs countywide; and

WHEREAS, Whereas the Community Endowment Fund and its component funds, including the Mendocino County Endowment for Community Health Projects and the Jim Levine Youth Endowment Fund, now total approximately \$6 million dollars and have granted approximately \$2 million dollars countywide since its inception; and



WHEREAS, Whereas the Community Foundation of Mendocino County extends its community engagement beyond grant-making by bringing people together to develop connections and find new ways to respond to community issues, including establishing an Arts Council Coordinating Committee in 2000, which resulted in the formation of the Arts Council of Mendocino County; initiating meetings and providing a facilitator for a Homeless Youth Task Force in 2001, which resulting in funding for transitional housing for foster youth; providing funding and collaborating on a county-wide process in 2003-04, which resulted in the Mendocino County Cultural Plan; and providing funding and helping form a working group to develop broadband access in 2011, resulting in the creation of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County which is currently supported by the County of Mendocino and is part of the North Bay Broadband Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Whereas more recently, in responding to the Redwood Complex Fire of 2017 the Community Foundation raised \$3 million dollars for Mendocino County fire survivors, \$1 million for fire recovery infrastructure, administration and staffing, and has distributed over \$2.75 million to support fire recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS the Community Foundation of Mendocino County took a leadership role as chair of the long-term fire recovery team, Mendocino-Rebuilding Our Community (M-ROC) and with the support of the Disaster Fund for Mendocino County and targeted grant programs, has built upon its community network to help local fire survivors of the Redwood Complex and Mendocino Complex fires recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation is supported and led by thoughtful and engaged people who care about Mendocino County and have a vision for how it can best thrive; is represented by volunteers from each of seven geographically distinct regions of the County who help provide leadership, expertise and capital, to build local resources and opportunities, and serves as a resource for nonprofit, civic, governmental, and philanthropic organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Mendocino County continues to administer its portfolio of permanently endowed grant and scholarship funds and its unrestricted Community Endowment Fund and continues to identify opportunities to initiate community conversations focused on emerging issues and community enrichment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes and honors the Community Foundation of Mendocino County on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and for the vital role it plays in bringing together people and organizations who are actively engaged in supporting their vision for community enrichment and an improved quality of life for everyone in Mendocino County

Dated: May 21, 2019

Carre Brown, Chair