

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE

Val Muchowski

WHEREAS, in 1981 five women gathered in Philo and started the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) of Mendocino County and they appointed Val Muchowski as the first Chair. Val made a commitment never to say no to an opportunity to promote women and always seek an opportunity to put women at the tables where important decisions were being made; and

WHEREAS, Val was very active in the NWPC, the California Democratic Party and the California Teachers Association (CTA) at the local, state and national levels. She was selected to serve as a Democratic National Convention Delegate in 1988, 1996 and 2000. Val has been honored by CTA receiving the Teacher In Politics award, We Honor Ours award and the Ellen Logue award for Retired Teachers along with being Senator Mike McGuire's Woman of the Year for the Second Senate District. US Representative Jared Huffman recognized her work with KZYX as the creator and programmer of Women's Voices acknowledging her 25 years educating the community about real issues that affect women in Mendocino County. He noted her commitment is worthy of the highest commendations; and

WHEREAS, Val encouraged many women to become involved through the years teaching them to step up and move forward. As a dedicated teacher she taught Women's Leadership classes to advance women in many different political roles and fields of work; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, NWPC became the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition with Val providing the leadership to broaden the scope of outreach to women and continue her political passion by training candidates running for local office, their campaign committees and other members of the public working on ballot measures to be effective in the political arena. She continues to work to make an equitable society and put women in leadership positions locally and at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 theme of Women's History Month is "Valiant Women of the Vote" in recognition of the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution officially giving women across the Nation the right to vote and hold office; and

WHEREAS, Val Muchowski is the first recipient of the Bella Abzug - Passion in Politics Award that was presented at the Women's History Gala Celebration in Mendocino County being recognized for her personal engagement in numerous leadership positions and for 40 years of training women to be involved in the political process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby commends Val Muchowski for her dedication and faithful leadership in encouraging women to have civic voices, to engage and to participate in our democracy.

Dated: March 10, 2020

John Haschak, Chair