

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO LAND TRUST AND DECLARING JUNE 20, 2026, AS MENDOCINO LAND TRUST DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Land Trust was created in 1976 by a group of conservationists in Mendocino Village, led by George Reeves and including Hanneleisel Reeves, Barry Cusick, James Coupe, and Lee Welty, who transformed their passion and experience to form the Mendocino Community Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, they were determined to preserve the character and natural resources of Mendocino Village and its surrounding forests, rivers, and coastal vistas, and formed the articles of incorporation for the Land Trust on April 26, 1976, with the mission to preserve open spaces in Mendocino Village and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Land Trust's commitment to conserving open space, working lands, and natural habitats for the communities, visitors, and wildlife of Mendocino County has been steadfast for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino Land Trust has conserved over 40,000 acres of land in Mendocino County, including abundant working agricultural lands and working forests; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino Land Trust has opened six preserves, including five public coastal preserves, and has built 20 miles of trails for the public, with 15 additional miles underway; and

WHEREAS, the Land Trust leads vital habitat restoration projects, including salmon recovery projects in Jackson Demonstration State Forest and coastal restoration for endangered pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino Land Trust fosters community fellowship and stewardship through countywide volunteer projects and events; and

WHEREAS, the countless volunteers, dedicated Board members, and staff who have worked diligently to preserve and restore these unique natural wonders and abundant public access to these places, and to maintain them in perpetuity for the County of Mendocino, should also be recognized and appreciated

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Mendocino Land Trust and proclaims June 20, 2026, as:

"MENDOCINO LAND TRUST DAY"

Dated:

Bernie Norvell, Chair