

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Humboldt County, its proximity to the Mendocino triple junction and major fault systems both on and offshore make it vulnerable to earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, in historic times Humboldt County and the adjacent offshore area has been the single most seismically active region of California; and

WHEREAS, since 1900, twenty-five earthquakes have caused damage to structures in Humboldt County and the most recent damaging earthquake was in 2010; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes can occur at any time with no warning; and

WHEREAS, understanding what to do during strong ground shaking is fundamental to saving lives in an earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, many people ran out of buildings during the January, 2010 earthquake, exposing themselves to injuries from falling objects. To quickly take the right action during an earthquake emergency and Drop – Cover – Hold on it is important to practice often; and

WHEREAS, the California Earthquake Country Alliance, the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group and the California Emergency Management Agency are hosting the Great California Shake Out, a statewide DROP COVER and HOLD ON drill at 10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the participation of all Humboldt County residents, businesses and other organizations in the Great California Shake Out on October 18, 2012.

DATED: October 16, 2012

Virginia Bass
Virginia Bass, Chair

