

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
SUPPORTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, a paramount concern of policymakers at all levels is the health and well-being of our constituents, never more so than during what has been called a once-in-a-century pandemic; and

WHEREAS, decisions affecting the health and well-being of our constituents must be based on empirical evidence without regard to politics or the influence of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, California has struggled as much as any state during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the third highest unemployment rate in the country, the largest backlog of unpaid jobless claims, and the fifth worst excess death rate west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, California's *Blueprint for a Safer Economy* provides a one-size-fits-all approach to reopening communities that fails to allow the flexibility to respond in a data-driven way to what is occurring in our county; and

WHEREAS, The *Blueprint* largely impacts the operation of businesses and schools without any showing that those environments are responsible for COVID-19 cases observed in our county; and

WHEREAS, our county is extremely concerned about the impacts to our children of any further delays to in-person education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby approves this Resolution with a commitment to the following principles:

1. That our county is best served by an ability to respond locally to the COVID-19 virus in accordance with our local data and circumstances, as specified, for instance, in the attestation filed with the California Department of Public Health.
2. That our county is geographically diverse and ill-suited for the county-wide restrictions imposed by the *Blueprint*, and the State should enable our COVID-19 response to be tailored to geographically separate areas, such as different zip codes, as circumstances and case levels warrant.
3. That school districts in our jurisdiction are urged to safely open all schools as soon as possible and provide in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible without further delay.

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4. That our county requests an extension of time beyond December 31, 2020 to encumber and spend our federal CARES funds, to which we are entitled by law, consistent with our respective local plans and programs.

This resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2021, at a regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting in Eureka, California by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:
KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Ryan Sharp, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, RYAN SHARP, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of ____, 21.

Deputy Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt