

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF DEL NORTE
HONORING PATRICIA VERNELSON
FOR HER SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FIRST 5**

WHEREAS, PATRICIA (PATTI) VERNELSON will be concluding her tenure as the Executive Director of First 5 after holding the position for the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Patti began her career with Del Norte County on February 5, 1999 working as the Grants Coordinator II. On July 6, 1999, Patti was promoted to the position of Grants Manager and held this position until becoming the Children and Families Director on April 18, 2000. Patti continued in her Director role with Children and Families until becoming the first Executive Director of First 5 Del Norte in October 2009.

WHEREAS, Patti while being an outspoken champion of children issues in our community, has been responsible for the development the Commission's Strategic Plan, carrying out its mission/vision all while managing its grant programs and overseeing the day to day operations of First 5 Del Norte, focusing on keeping the children first, in health, environment, and helping to meet the ever-changing needs of the children in our community and giving them a solid foundation to build upon into adulthood.

WHEREAS, Patti was also instrumental in the purchase and ultimate transformation of the old Pacific Market which is now known as the Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center offers housing to other community organizations and welcomes over 2,000 guests each month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors hereby acknowledges the diligence and dedication Patti Vernelson has exhibited during her tenure with Del Norte County and thank Patti for her passion about seeing to the care, nurturing and enlightenment for the future of our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its deep appreciation to Patti and wishes her well in all future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Del Norte, State of California, this 10th day of November 2015, by unanimous polled vote.

David Finigan, Chair
Del Norte County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Kylie Heriford
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors