

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY AIDS/VIRAL HEPATITIS NETWORK

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network (MCAVN) was founded in 1987 as an all volunteer organization providing care and support for persons with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the mission of MCAVN has expanded to stop the transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis and to care for those living with, affected by or at risk of infection from HIV or viral hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, MCAVN has been in the forefront of promoting harm reduction strategies and healthier practices, including legal needle exchange programs and safe sex practices which are proven methods of reducing the transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, MCAVN has successfully integrated medical and psychosocial care into Recovery Oriented Systems of Care models to provide a well rounded and client centered environment which supports long term recovery and overall health and wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes the twenty fifth anniversary of the Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network (MCAVN) and extends its appreciation for the invaluable work performed by MCAVN to make Mendocino County a healthier community for all.

Dated: February 13, 2012

John McCowen, Chair