

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2012 AS
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY
PROMOTING THIS YEAR'S THEME:

“HEALTHY COUNTIES, HEALTHY FAMILIES”

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County, and all counties, play an important role in protecting, empowering, and enhancing the health and welfare of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are essential to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to deliver health services through local health departments and clinics; behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has launched a number of recent initiatives to promote healthy families, and healthy choices to sustain healthy lifestyles, including *Healthy Mendocino*, an initiative of the Health and Human Services Agency; expanded community services through the County library system, such as issuance of library cards and expanded community services throughout Mendocino County; as well as recent efforts to expand county wellness programs, and measures to improve the overall health and wellbeing of our county workforce, while reducing costs throughout the county system; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Lenny Eliason is encouraging counties to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country through his 2011-12 'Healthy Counties' presidential initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, does hereby proclaim April, 2012, as National County Government Month in Mendocino County, and encourages all county residents to embrace measures to support healthy lifestyles and healthy families, and recognize the importance of county services to sustain a healthy Mendocino County.

Dated: March 26, 2012

John McCowen, Chair