

**Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Special Presentation

From: Supervisor Neely
Meeting Date: April 20, 2010
Time Required: 5 min.

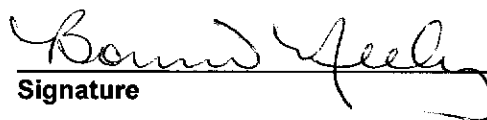
Contact for Information

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Subject: Resolution Recognizing the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST).

Summary: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors desires to recognize and express appreciation to the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for 14 years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims in Humboldt County.

Requested Action: Adopt the Resolution.


Signature

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor
Supervisor

Seconded by
Supervisor

Ayes
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault and child maltreatment can cause severe and long-lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences, and can be a devastating experience not only for the child, but also for the family and friends of the child; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of sexual assault and child maltreatment crosses all ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and can cause disabilities and poor health, depression, poor academic performance, alcohol and other drug problems, and abusive adult relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), a multi disciplinary team comprised of specially trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, District Attorney Victim Witness, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (CALM), and Tribal Agencies, was created to reach one of the most vulnerable populations in our community - children who are victims of sexual and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, since October 1996 the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) has conducted **2,179** comprehensive forensic interviews, a coordinated response which has proven successful in criminal investigation and the prosecution of child abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, the effective intervention of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse investigation has reduced the number of interviews a child abuse victim must undergo; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Humboldt County benefit from coordinated services provided from the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses appreciation to the members of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for their **14** years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

DATED: April 20, 2010



CLIF CLENDENEN, Chair