## PROCLAMATION

## RHODODENDRON WEEK April 26 – May 2, 2015

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Coast area, because of its climate and soils, produces more varieties of rhododendrons – including its wild species – than any other area in California; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Bragg is famous for its many beautiful rhododendron gardens including the Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden and many rhododendron nurseries; and

WHEREAS, many rhododendrons have been locally hybridized with names such as 'Fort Bragg Centennial', 'Noyo Chief', 'Noyo Dream', 'Pomo Princess', 'Elsie Fry', 'Ruby Bowman', 'Doctor Bowman', 'Fort Bragg Glow', 'Jim Drewry', 'General Braxton Bragg', 'Noyo Charm', 'Mendocino Gold' and 'Mendocino Magic'; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Noyo Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is to encourage and develop, in all possible ways, interest in the growing and culture of rhododendrons and azaleas; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg Promotion Committee is holding a Rhododendron Walk in conjunction with the annual Rhododendron Show to celebrate Fort Bragg businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual John Druecker Memorial Rhododendron Show – one of the largest rhododendron shows on the west coast with over 700 entries entered annual – will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at our local Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE TURNER, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 2, 2015 as:

## RHODODENDRON WEEK

SIGNED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC City Clerk

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