

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS CONTINUING TO PROVIDE FORT BRAGG WITH ESSENTIAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California and the Public Health Officer of the County of Mendocino issued orders to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a small, coastal community we depend on each other for basic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, our health workers continue to provide essential health care services throughout the pandemic and conduct surveillance testing to keep us informed – thank you Mendocino Coast Clinics, Adventist Health, Mendocino County Public Health and Sherwood Oaks; and

**WHEREAS**, our community support providers continue to provide essential services of all kinds to our community's most vulnerable populations – thank you Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, Redwood Coast Seniors, Project Sanctuary, Parents & Friends, Mendocino Coast Clinics, Coast Street Medicine and Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center; and

**WHEREAS**, our educators continue to provide our youth tools to connect to and understand the world we live in – thank you to all the Fort Bragg Unified School District campuses, childcare centers, private schools and charter schools; and

**WHEREAS**, our grocers continue to safely provide our community food by adjusting business hours to allow seniors and other high-risk customers to shop at a reduced capacity, and implemented various protocols to help maintain a sanitary and safe environment – thank you Purity Market, Fort Bragg Food Bank, Down Home Foods, El Yuca, Colombi's, B&C Grocery, Harvest Market, Safeway, and Fort Bragg Farmer's Market; and

**WHEREAS**, our postal workers and delivery drivers continue to distribute packages directly to our homes and businesses so those in the high-risk category don't have to venture into public spaces to shop - thank you United States Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, Food Runners and others; and

**WHEREAS**, our first responders continue to do what they always do, run toward danger rather than away from it – thank you dispatchers, EMTs, emergency room personnel, air ambulance pilots, fire fighters, law enforcement, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, our restaurants, churches, pharmacies, MTA drivers, construction workers, beauticians, therapists, all our business owners that collectively met the moment by changing hours and operations to adhere to the latest health orders. Together, as a community, we continue to regularly wash our hands, practice social distancing, and wear masks when it's not possible to social distance or when we're inside a public building – thank you to each and every person, for doing your part to help keep our community safe and healthy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim with humility and gratitude, a sincere thank you to the First Responders, Essential Workers and Community Service Providers continuing to serve Fort Bragg throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SIGNED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021**

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**BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk**

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