P R O C L A M A T I O N

RECOGNIZING

"STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK"

SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is committed to maintaining the health and sustainability of our environment for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, effective stormwater management is crucial to protecting our natural resources, minimizing pollution, and ensuring the safety and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a vital program under the Clean Water Act, designed to regulate and manage stormwater discharges to improve water quality and reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education about stormwater management and NPDES regulations play a critical role in the success of these efforts, empowering residents to take proactive steps in reducing runoff and protecting our waterways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg recognizes the importance of fostering a well-informed community that understands the impact of stormwater practices and the significance of NPDES compliance in maintaining clean and healthy water systems; and

WHEREAS, through collaborative efforts, community engagement, and educational initiatives, we can collectively contribute to a more sustainable environment and enhance the quality of life within our city.

Now, Therefore, I, Bernie Norvell, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23, 2024, as **Stormwater Education and NPDES Awareness Week** and encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in educational programs, workshops, and activities aimed at increasing awareness of stormwater management and the importance of NPDES regulations. Together, let us work towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future for our city and our environment.

SIGNED this 23rd day of September, 2024

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BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

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