

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

“National Trails Day – June 4, 2016”

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fort Bragg have a deep appreciation for the many outdoor recreational opportunities and the extraordinary recreational trails located within and near the City of Fort Bragg, and;

WHEREAS, trails and parks promote the enjoyment of scenic beauty, whether on a beautiful beach, meandering bluff top trail, or shady trail through a redwood grove; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is home to two local glass beaches, all former coastal dump sites that cough up beautiful sea glass; and

WHEREAS, the City's new Noyo Headlands Park, comprised of 93 acres of coastal property extending along more than three miles of coastline, was acquired with \$4.1 million in grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy and a generous donation of land by Georgia-Pacific; and

WHEREAS, design, permitting and construction of Fort Bragg's Coastal Trail and other park facilities was funded by nearly \$7 million in grants from the State Coastal Conservancy, State Parks, and Caltrans; and

WEREAS, Pomo Bluffs Park, which opened in April 2006, encompasses 25 acres of land on the southern bluffs above Noyo Bay, offering spectacular bluff-top views with outlook points and benches, blufftop pedestrian and bike trails, as well as interpretive exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Otis R. Johnson Wilderness Park is a 7-acre park that offers shady walking trails through majestic redwood groves and a close-up experience with nature; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg's trails provide quality-of-life benefits to our local citizens and serve as expressions of community character and pride, as living workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National Trails Day, our new coastal trails and the grand opening of the Noyo Center for Marine Science's new visitor center, the "Crow's Nest," Fort Bragg is hosting its first ever Coastal Trail Celebration on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2016, as "NATIONAL TRAILS DAY" in Fort Bragg and invite all residents and visitors to join us in a free, fun-filled Coastal Trail Celebration at the South Coastal Trail in Noyo Headlands Park.

SIGNED this 23rd day of May, 2016.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk

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