

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

RECOGNIZING RUTH SPARKS

AS THE JERE MELO FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Ruth Sparks has given generously of her time and efforts to this community since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Ruth remains positive, gracious, kind and patient at all times; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is a “world-betterer,” and all those who spend any time with her are soon rolling up their sleeves and calling other friends to volunteer to be part of a local event; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is willing and eager to work with any individual and/or organization in order to enhance the everyday lives of our residents and once in a lifetime experiences of our visitors; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is a member of the Fort Bragg Garden Club and has served on its board and many of its committees, and

WHEREAS, Ruth was the idea person behind the Sidewalk Gardens to Bragg About Project which has showcased local homeowners’ gardens and businesses over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was a strong advocate of the Fort Bragg Rotary Club’s Read Aloud Project which teaches the value of reading to our children in school and at special events; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was instrumental in bringing together 22 other organizations to put on the New Pygmy Forest Rededication celebration sponsored by the Fort Bragg Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is an invaluable asset to our community with the projects mentioned above being only a handful of programs, projects and events for which she has volunteered countless hours of her time; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was honored as the Jere Melo Foundation Volunteer of the Year at an award dinner that followed the Walk to Take Back Our Forests event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and honor **Ruth Sparks** for the many things she does for the community of Fort Bragg.

SIGNED this 12th day of September, 2016.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk

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