

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

HONORING PAMELA PATTERSON, CEO OF THE WEST COMPANY, FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of the West Company, Pamela Patterson, retired on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Patterson has led the West Company for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, West Company is a not-for-profit economic development organization serving entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, Pamela's leadership has provided a helping hand for hundreds of Mendocino County entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg, through its Community Development Block Grant program, has provided funding for many of West Company's activities; and

WHEREAS, Pamela's inspired leadership has led to the establishment of 168 new businesses and the creation of 340 new jobs in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, through its Fort Bragg and Ukiah offices, Pamela and the West Company have provided workshops and free business counseling to aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, Pamela's dedication to improving the economic environment in Mendocino County has led to helping existing businesses access over \$9 million in new capital; and

WHEREAS, through Pamela's leadership, West Company, as one of California's original pilot sites for the Women's Business Center, a nationwide program, has inspired many women in our communities to improve their financial wellbeing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lindy Peters, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, offer a heartfelt thank you to Pamela Patterson for her many contributions to our community and wish her all the best in her retirement.

SIGNED this 9th day of January, 2017

LINDY PETERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk