

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

IN APPRECIATION OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 31, 2016 BOATING ACCIDENT IN NOYO BAY

WHEREAS, in the early evening of December 31, 2016, a 30-foot fishing vessel encountered mechanical difficulties as it was returning to Noyo Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the vessel was subsequently swamped and its three crew members ended up in the rough seas; and

WHEREAS, over 45 personnel from the Fort Bragg Police Department, Fort Bragg Fire Department, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Cal Fire and the United States Coast Guard assisted in the search and rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, as a result of extensive and exhaustive efforts by the responding agencies, two crew members were rescued; and

WHEREAS, tragically, the life of one crew member was taken by the sea; and

WHEREAS, our community is fortunate to have so many first-responder agencies with dedicated personnel and community volunteers—all of whom provide mutual aid without hesitation when the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council and our entire community greatly appreciate the team work and interagency cooperation that occurs in response to emergencies such as the New Year's Eve boating accident in Noyo Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lindy Peters, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby commend and extend our most sincere appreciation to each of the responding agencies, their staff, and volunteers for their heroic actions in response to this tragic accident.

FURTHERMORE, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby offer our deepest condolences to the victim's friends and family during these difficult times.

SIGNED this 23rd day of January, 2017

Lindy Peters, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, City Clerk