RESOLUTION NO. 4458-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission (the "Commission") awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 20 of the Public Resources Code and with the Commission's objective of protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission requires the governing body of the grantee to certify through resolution approval to submit application for Commission grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is exploring how a strategic focus on the sustainable development of Fort Bragg's ocean resources could transform our regional economy and drive economic growth, while nurturing our environment and protecting coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, scientists, experts, decision makers, entrepreneurs, workforce, students and community members desire to learn and share knowledge about our marine ecosystems in terms of ocean resiliency and/or economic development – including topics related to climate change, fisheries, aquaculture, renewable energy, bio-tech, tourism, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City is working with regional partners to plan a three-day, city-wide veent with multiple tracks to engage all segments of the community as well as local/state/regional leadership; and

WHEREAS, the event would take place on May 19, 20, and 21, 2022 and include activities to engage in hands-on marine science, on the water education, guided tours and science talks, restoration activities, activities promoting stewardship of coastal resources, citizen science and community building to nurture a shared vision for a Blue Economy on the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, there are costs associated with the event and the City is seeking funding to support this public outreach, and engagement effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve the Whale Tail Application for funds from the California Coastal Commission and authorizes the City Manager to execute the same.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye, Rafanan, Peters and

Mayor Norvell.

NOES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

RECUSED: None.

BERNIE NORVELL

Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC

City Clerk