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Kathy Bhardwaj, Mayor
Gabriel Adams, City Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2011-06

IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, **NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

Whereas, the American Cancer Society encourages all tobacco users to join the Great American Smokeout and quit for at least one day; and

Whereas, smoking one pack a day will cost the smoker an average of \$1800 per year in Humboldt County; and

Whereas, more people in Humboldt County die every year from tobacco-related diseases than die from AIDS, alcohol, car crashes, fires, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and

Whereas, exposure to secondhand smoke is known to cause heart disease, lung cancer, asthma attacks, and ear infections; and

Whereas, efforts to reduce smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke in California have saved Californians' more than \$86 billion in health care expenditures; and

Whereas, studies show that smoke-free policies help smokers quit, and fewer youth start smoking in communities with smoke-free policies; and

Whereas, eighty-percent of smokers in Humboldt County started before they were 18 years old; and

Whereas, in Humboldt County 8 out of 10 smokers want to quit tobacco, and there are several free resources available to assist them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the **City of Trinidad** hereby recognizes and supports the American Cancer Society's GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, on November 17, 2011 in the City of Trinidad and encourages all citizens who smoke, or use chew/dip tobacco, to demonstrate to themselves and their children that they can quit using tobacco by joining the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Trinidad City Council on Wednesday, November 09, 2011.

Attest:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Kathy Bhardwaj
Mayor