

Shasta County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

Bill of Rights Day
December 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, several of the original States refused to ratify the Constitution without an express Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence states “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving in the police agencies and the armed forces of the United States have sacrificed, suffered, and died; and

WHEREAS, the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebrations, and the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a special day would honor the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights, and would proclaim these rights to the citizens of this County, to this Nation, and to the World;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims December 15, 2016 as **Bill of Rights Day** in Shasta County and encourages all government agencies to observe **Bill of Rights Day** in a manner which brings to mind the meaning and importance of each of the Ten Articles contained in that Bill.

Pam Giacomini, Chairman

December 13, 2016

Date