



**RESOLUTION No. 2013-14-27**

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**REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL**

**ACTION APPROVED: May 2, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing Use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on Campus**

**WHEREAS**, The Mission Statement of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University states that they “shall be an official voice through which students’ opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; provide services and programs as deemed necessary by the corporation to meet the needs of the student and campus community; and to stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community”; and

**WHEREAS**, Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (brodifacoum and difethialone), also known as “Super Toxic Rat Poisons”, have been documented in at least dozens of wildlife species in California including some of which are native to Arcata Community Forest; these poisons contribute to thousands of wildlife deaths annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Anti-coagulants kill by disrupting the Vitamin K cycle, which performs a life-essential blood-clotting function. When a rodent ingests the poison, it takes about three days before it dies; often they are spotted moving lethargically, making them easy targets for predators. After eating the poisoned prey the predators suffer lethal and sublethal secondary poisoning from eating rodents; and

**WHEREAS**, given Humboldt State University’s adjacency to the Arcata Community Forest, which provides excellent habitat to dozens of native wildlife species, the consequences of the use of super toxic rat poisons on campus may directly, and indirectly impact nearby wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, HSU’s Ground Management team, who maintain the Child Development Center, occasionally use commercially purchased Super Toxic Rat Poisons to control rodents near the facility; and recognizing that the American Association of Poison Control Center annually receives between 12,000 to 15,000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to rodenticides; and

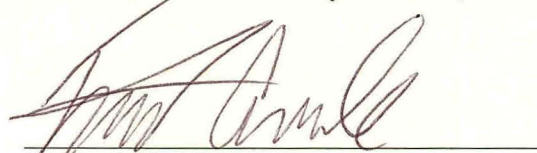
**WHEREAS**, in May 2013, The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging businesses to stop the sale of rodenticides and urging consumers not to buy them; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that HSU Associated Students will strongly discourage the use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on campus; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Plant Operations incorporate such non-toxic alternatives such as: Peppermint oil, Fresh Cab, snap traps and havahart traps into their Best Management Practices and Integrated Pest Management Plan; and

**RESOLVED**, that Associated Students will support efforts to educate the public regarding the harms associated with Super Toxic Rat Poisons; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the following parties: HSU President Rollin Richmond; Vice President of Student Affairs; HSU Plant Operations; all CSU Associated Students; the Arcata City Council; and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors



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