ORDER RESCINDING THE HEALTH OFFICER’S ORDER REGARDING VISITATION AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. The September 14, 2020 Further Order of the Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz Regarding Visitation at Skilled Nursing Facilities and Residential Healthcare Facilities is hereby rescinded, effective at 11:59 P.M. on March 9, 2021. At that point, there will be no local restriction in place regulating visitation at such facilities. Facilities and the public are advised that specific State regulations or guidance on this topic may still be in effect and applicable.

2. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County offices at 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (www.santacruzhealthservices.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Gail Newel, MD
Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz

Dated: March 9, 2021

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel