

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION NOMINATING A SPECIFIED PORTION OF SAM MCDONALD COUNTY
PARK TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, AND TO APPROVE
AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL RELATED FORMS OR DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is committed to recognizing and preserving the County's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Sam McDonald County Park is a County-owned and operated park that is located three miles west of La Honda, and that features redwood forest, ridgelines with ocean views, and facilities for hiking, horseback riding, and camping; and

WHEREAS, the park memorializes Emanuel "Sam" McDonald (1884–1957), a prominent African American figure in San Mateo County history who worked at Stanford University for five decades, eventually retiring as Superintendent of Athletic Buildings and Grounds (1923–1954); and

WHEREAS, during his life, Mr. McDonald acquired a 430-acre property in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and upon his death, he desired for it to be used for the

betterment of the community, thus, it was sold to the County of San Mateo and converted into a park; and

WHEREAS, a detailed nomination form has been prepared in accordance with the standards of the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and National Park Service by documenting the property's significance under one or more of the National Register's criteria for evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors finds that Sam McDonald County Park is significant for its association with local history and notable figures, and meets the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to pursue the official listing of this property to protect and celebrate this piece of the County's heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED THAT:

- A) The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors officially endorses and supports the nomination of the Sam McDonald County Park Historic District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and
- B) The Parks Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit the completed nomination form, along with all supporting documentation, to the California State Historic Preservation Office for review and processing; and
- C) This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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