

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING

- A) A COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$1,000,000 TO SUPPORT CURIODYSSEY'S GENERAL OPERATIONS OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD; AND
- B) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH CURIODYSSEY OR DESIGNATED IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS; AND
- C) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT AGREEMENT(S) WITH CURIODYSSEY OR DESIGNATED IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S), INCLUDING TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND/OR DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT(S) DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT(S) WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED FUNDING LIMIT

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

WHEREAS, CuriOdyssey is a nonprofit science museum and zoo located at Coyote Point Recreation Area in San Mateo County that has served Bay Area families for more than 70 years, providing hands-on STEM learning experiences, wildlife encounters, school programs, and environmental education to approximately 180,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, general operating funding is essential to CuriOdyssey's ability to care for more than 60 animal residents, maintain safe and inclusive indoor and outdoor

learning spaces, support staff who deliver programs daily, and cover core operational functions such as utilities, veterinary care, and visitor services; and

WHEREAS, last year more than 9,400 students and 1,300 educators from more than 200 schools participated in CuriOdyssey's field trips and science workshops, and general operating support will help to ensure the continued availability of these programs as well as seasonal camps, community events, and homeschool offerings; and

WHEREAS, the County has been a longstanding partner in supporting CuriOdyssey's mission, including through prior capital support, emergency assistance during storm-related closure, and renewal of the organization's long-term lease at Coyote Point; and

WHEREAS, long-term general operating support will help CuriOdyssey achieve strategic objectives such as expanding early STEM learning across the region, maintaining Association of Zoos & Aquariums accreditation and high standards of animal care, strengthening staff and organizational systems, and securing long-term financial stability; and

WHEREAS, supporting CuriOdyssey's general operations aligns with this Board's commitment to educational equity, youth development, and accessible community resources for residents of all backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes:

(A) a commitment of up to \$1,000,000 in to support CuriOdyssey's general operations over a 10-year period; and

(B) the County Executive, or designee(s), in consultation with the County Attorney, to negotiate and execute a grant agreement or agreements with CuriOdyssey or designated implementing partner(s) in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for general operating support, provided that all such funds shall be expended within ten years of the date of this resolution; and

(C) the County Executive, or designee(s), in consultation with the County Attorney, to take all actions necessary to implement the grant agreement(s) with CuriOdyssey or designated implementing partner(s), including to negotiate, execute, and/or deliver any and all documents, amendments, and certificates in connection with the agreement(s) deemed necessary or advisable by the County Executive, or designee(s), to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and to carry out the terms of the agreement(s) within the authorized funding limit.

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