

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

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

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**RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW SAN MATEO COUNTY PARK OPENING AT  
TUNITAS CREEK BEACH THE “DON HORSLEY COUNTY PARK AT TUNITAS  
CREEK BEACH”**

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

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.52 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code sets forth the County’s policy for recognizing and honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the County of San Mateo, including by naming County facilities in honor of those individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of County facilities after an individual is generally reserved for exceptional circumstances, taking into account the period over which any contribution is made, the number of people affected by the contribution, and the extent to which County residents have been positively impacted by the actions of the individual proposed for recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter 2.52 of the Ordinance Code, County “facilities” include substantial structures, open spaces, or natural features, including, but not limited to, buildings, wings of buildings, indoor or outdoor auditoriums, gardens, parks, tree groves, plazas, and trails; and

**WHEREAS**, nominations for recognition by the naming of a County facility may be made by any member of the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, Supervisor Warren Slocum and Supervisor Ray Mueller recommend that the new San Mateo County park at Tunitas Creek Beach be named in honor of former San Mateo County Sheriff and Supervisor Don Horsley, in recognition of his many and varied outstanding contributions to the County, including his exceptional vision, leadership and efforts that led to the County's acquisition of the Tunitas Creek Beach property and its development as a County park; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Horsley served the County and its residents for over 40 years, beginning in 1972 as a patrol deputy in East Palo Alto for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, then as the San Mateo County Sheriff from 1993 to 2007, and, finally, as a Member of this Board of Supervisors for three terms from 2010 to 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, during his illustrious career in the County, Don Horsley also worked for the Daly City Police Department, as a juvenile counselor for the San Mateo County Probation Department, as a middle school teacher, and for the Pacifica Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, under Don Horsley's leadership, the County, Peninsula Open Space Trust, and California State Coastal Conservancy partnered to secure \$13.4 million to purchase the Tunitas Creek Beach property and to transform it into the County's newest park, for both the betterment and enjoyment of San Mateo County's residents and visitors and the conservation of local flora and fauna; and

**WHEREAS**, owing to Don Horsley’s leadership and tireless efforts, the public will have access to Tunitas Creek Beach’s pristine, one mile stretch of sandy beach, offering San Mateo County residents and visitors an opportunity to connect with the natural world and to enjoy unparalleled views of the San Mateo County coast; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that the new San Mateo County park at Tunitas Creek Beach should be named after Don Horsley to recognize and honor his many contributions to the County and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the name of the new San Mateo County park at Tunitas Creek Beach shall be “Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach.”

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