

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Sequoia Audubon Society
on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, founded in 1949 by a group of passionate bird enthusiasts, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** has grown from humble beginnings to become a dedicated and well-known advocate for conservation in San Mateo County, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape and in the hearts of its residents; and

WHEREAS, one of **Sequoia Audubon Society**’s earliest achievements came in the 1960s when it successfully lobbied for the establishment of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, which spans thousands of acres of tidal marshes, salt ponds, and mudflats, providing essential habitat for millions of migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway; and

WHEREAS, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** has tirelessly worked to protect and restore critical habitats throughout San Mateo County, most notably in leading efforts to preserve nesting sites for endangered species such as the California least tern and the snowy plover, ensuring their survival for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** achieved a significant milestone by advocating for the creation of the 235-acre Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve, the only extensive tidal wetlands along the San Mateo County coast, providing legal protection for this vital ecosystem that supports shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, and the broader web of life dependent on it; and

WHEREAS, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** has long recognized the critical importance of Pescadero Marsh and worked diligently to raise awareness of the threats it faced from development and pollution, spearheading public outreach, educational programs, and advocacy efforts to rally community and policymaker support for its protection; and

WHEREAS, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** has continued to monitor and steward the Pescadero Marsh, working in partnership with government agencies and other organizations to conduct research, restore habitats, and mitigate human impacts on this fragile ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, the **Sequoia Audubon Society** led a successful campaign to protect the area now known as Ravenswood Open Space Preserve from development, through grassroots organizing and public outreach, preserving the land as a refuge for wildlife and a cherished space for nature lovers and local residents alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo hereby recognizes and honors the **Sequoia Audubon Society** on its 75th Anniversary for its decades of tireless work to protect San Mateo County’s natural environments, its enduring commitment to conservation, and its invaluable contributions to the preservation of local wildlife and habitats for the benefit of the community and future generations.

Dated: October 6, 2024

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