

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ORDER TO REVIEW
THE DESIGNATIONS OF THE GREATER FARALLONES AND CORDELL
BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

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

WHEREAS, the coast of San Mateo is one of the treasures of the nation, with a bountiful and beautiful coastal ecosystem, numerous species of marine mammals, migrating salmon, and hundreds of other forms of sea life; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County and its beaches receive thousands of visitors a year and are a staple of our tourist economy; and

WHEREAS, the County's fishing industry is wholly dependent on pollution-free waters to deliver delicious and nutritious seafood, including wild salmon and Dungeness crab, to customers around the world; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has a long history of coastal protection and its citizens take an active role in protecting our coast against offshore drilling and other forms of pollution; and

WHEREAS, issues regarding the expansion of the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries were thoroughly examined in 2008 in a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, and resulted in the unanimous vote of the House of Representatives for expansion; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary was expanded by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary were expanded by President Barack Obama;

WHEREAS, the designation of the expansion areas under the National Marine Sanctuary Act provided the opportunity for public input through public meetings and more than a thousand public comments over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is aware the Trump Administration ordered a review of National Marine Sanctuaries designated or expanded in the last ten years to facilitate the opening of these waters to offshore oil exploration and drilling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors finds that a review of these designations ordered by the Trump Administration is an unneeded and unwarranted intrusion into settled law and the Board adopts this resolution opposing the review of designations of the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.

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