

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED LIFE OF

Bob Breen

WHEREAS, Bob Breen began his career with San Mateo County Parks in 1969 at the same time that Fitzgerald Marine Reserve was designated a reserve; and under Bob’s watch, more than 800 incidents of the illegal removal of intertidal life were reported; and

WHEREAS, along with law enforcement and community members, **Bob Breen** contributed to the preservation of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve which can now be enjoyed by future generations; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen taught hundreds of volunteers to become volunteer naturalists, many of whom continue to educate students throughout the Bay Area about the Reserve, its unique marine life and how to be good stewards of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen was instrumental in creating the Friends of Fitzgerald, and at one time served as a Board member; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen launched the marine science program at Half Moon Bay High School where he taught from 1995 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen retired in 2004 and became a local leader in establishing Marine Protected Areas under California’s Marine Protection Act, ensuring Fitzgerald became part of the larger Montara State Marine Reserve MPA; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen unfortunately passed away in 2013, and his name is still brought up to the delight of former co-workers, peers, naturalists and the broad coastal and marine community; and

WHEREAS, Bob Breen touched the lives of thousands of school children and other visitors throughout the years and his name will forever remain synonymous with Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors gratefully honors the extraordinary life of Bob Breen and recognizes his service as Fitzgerald Marine Reserve’s first Naturalist and Supervising Park Ranger.

Dated: May 11, 2019

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors