

RESOLUTION

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

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, Palo Alto resident Nonette Hanco, gathered a group of concerned residents to her living room to discuss how the conservation of open spaces of the San Francisco Peninsula could protect against further development and loss of critical habitat; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, a vote of the people to support Measure R in Santa Clara County created the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), which has enhanced the lives of the residents of the Peninsula and will enhance the lives of generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, through a vote of local residents, MROSD expanded its borders into southern San Mateo County and its coastal region in 2004; and

WHEREAS, MROSD has acquired and protected more than 65,000 acres of bayland, foothill, ridgeline, and coastal open space lands, with over 31,000 acres in San Mateo County, including La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve and Windy Hill Open Space Preserve; and

WHEREAS, MROSD has opened over 245 miles of hiking, mountain bicycling, equestrian, and dogs on-leash trails for outdoor public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, MROSD actively works with its partner agencies to support the realization of several regional trail corridors to connect open spaces, parks, and neighborhoods on the Peninsula, including the San Francisco Bay Trail, the San Francisco Bay Ridge Trail, the Bay-to-the-Sea Trail and the Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, MROSD successfully embarked upon an eighteen-month public engagement process in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties as part of MROSD's Vision Plan Project entitled "Imagine the Future of Open Space," to create a shared vision for the future of MROSD; and

WHEREAS, MROSD's elected Board of Directors initiated the successful, voter-approved \$300 million general obligation bond to help finance the realization of the priorities established through the Vision Plan process; and

WHEREAS, access to the lands owned and managed by MROSD was recognized as an essential service to the residents of the region during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic with many residents seeking access to nature to recharge and promote personal well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and commends its years of dedicated service to San Mateo County.

Dated: January 25, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

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