

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

SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS FOUNDATION On Its 25th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the **San Mateo County Parks Foundation** in response to a need for a dedicated funding source for county parks improvements and programs, and was established in 1998 to create an organizational entity that would provide additional financial support for the recreational, environmental and educational in county parks; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, the **San Mateo County Parks Foundation** has provided more than \$10 million through the efforts of a small staff and robust volunteer board to broaden access and enrich residents' experiences in county parks; and

WHEREAS, the **San Mateo County Parks Foundation** has been a proud sponsor and visionary behind some signature programs including Road Bicycle Sunday, Youth Environmental Education Field Trips, Enhancing Equitable Access Grant, County Park Volunteer Program, Park Prescription Program, and bringing county parks into the OuterSpatial park exploration app; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Parks Foundation helped make possible numerous parks improvements including the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center at Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve, Coyote Point Recreation Area and Captain's House remodel, acquisition of Mirada Surf, enhanced facilities and interpretative displays at Sanchez Adobe, and various improvements at Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the **San Mateo County Parks Foundation's** true power lies in the dedication and vision of its board members, the countless program volunteers, the strength of partnership with San Mateo County Parks, and the fearless leadership of two Foundation Executive Directors, Julia Bott and Michele Beasley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends the **San Mateo County Parks Foundation** on its 25th anniversary and, on behalf of all residents, expresses sincere congratulations and appreciation for its achievements and contributions to the people of San Mateo County.

Dated: September 10, 2023

Supervisors:

Dave Pine, President

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