

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

WHEREAS, the **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District** was founded in 1972, and now includes portions of Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, with the District boundary extending to the Pacific Ocean, including 26 preserves, over 62,000 acres and 220 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, with the **District's** expansion to the San Mateo County Coastside, the **District** added preservation of working landscapes to its mission, prioritizing the fostering of existing and potential agricultural operation in San Mateo County in order to keep the maximum amount of prime agricultural lands and other lands suitable for agriculture in agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its mission to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land and to acquire and preserve agricultural land, the **District** also prioritizes protection and restoration of the natural environment, and providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education; and

WHEREAS, the founders of the **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District** were an extraordinary group of people, deserving of praise and commendation for protecting open space lands for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2013, the founders, board of directors, staff, volunteers, and public will celebrate over 40 years of open space preservation which has created a world-class public preserve system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County recognizes, honors, and commends the **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District** and its accomplishments and looks forward to the **District** continuing its legacy of open space preservation into the future.

Dated: September 14, 2013

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