

# Resolution

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

## Gus Xerogeanes

Upon the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the San Mateo Outdoor Education Program for the San Bruno Park School District

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**WHEREAS**, In the summer of 1965 Gus Xerogeanes, a Natural Sciences teacher for San Bruno Park School District, took a group of sixth grade students on a week long summer school adventure to the San Francisco YMCA Camp at Jones Gulch; and

**WHEREAS**, a district-wide program for San Bruno Park District was established in the spring of 1966 serving 60 students each week; and

**WHEREAS**, the pilot Outdoor Education Program was formally approved for all San Mateo County students in 1969 and began with 650 pupils; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception as a countywide program in 1969, more than 175,000 children have attended the San Mateo Outdoor Education Program at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch and have had their lives and knowledge of the natural world enriched; and

**WHEREAS**, to the present day, dedicated staff continues to teach students an appreciation of the environment and the interdependence of all things through a program that has developed a loyal following of teachers who return with their students year after year to discover the benefits of the Outdoor Education experience; and

**WHEREAS**, if not for the vision and dedication of Gus Xerogeanes tens of thousands of San Mateo County students may not have had the opportunity to learn about and gain an appreciation for the natural world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors Gus Xerogeanes on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his creation of the San Mateo Outdoor Education Program, and commends his dedication to the people of San Mateo County and his decades of work improving the lives and education of generations of San Mateo County students.

***Dated: June 11, 2014***

SUPERVISORS:

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***DAVE PINE, President***

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***ADRIENNE J. TISSIER***

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors