

## **RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS FEE SCHEDULE TO WAIVE VEHICLE ENTRY FEE FOR MILITARY VETERANS PRESENTING PROOF OF VETERAN STATUS, INCLUDING A SAN MATEO COUNTY VETERANS ID**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, this Board seeks to recognize the selfless service of veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, access to County Parks can help to enhance the mental and physical wellness of veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board seeks to promote the issuance of San Mateo County Veterans ID cards provided by the County's Human Services Agency's Veterans Services Office to the approximately 33,000 San Mateo County residents who are veterans and eligible for such cards; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board concludes that the Parks Department should waive the Parks vehicle entry fee for veterans, and has determined that possession of a San Mateo County Veterans ID should be considered sufficient proof of eligibility for such a waiver of fees; and

**WHEREAS,** County Parks has electronic gates requiring payment by debit/credit or cash at the Coyote Point Recreation Area and has future plans to install similar entry fee equipment at other parks and this Board seeks to direct staff to take appropriate measures to ensure that these electronic gate systems are compatible with the San Mateo County Veterans ID cards so that veterans possessing such cards are able to receive the fee waiver provided for in this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the vehicle entry fee waiver proposed at its October 6, 2016 regular meeting and recommends approval by the Board of Supervisors.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs that the San Mateo County Parks Fee Schedule is hereby amended to provide that the vehicle entry fee shall be waived for veterans of the United States Armed Forces who provide adequate proof of veterans status and that the San Mateo County Veterans ID shall be satisfactory proof of such veteran status; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Parks Department is to undertake appropriate measures to ensure that electronic gate systems at the County's park facilities are compatible with the San Mateo County Veterans ID cards so that veterans possessing such cards are able to receive the fee waiver provided for in this Resolution.

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