

RESOLUTION

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

Marlene Finley

Upon Her Retirement After

Three Years of Service to the County of San Mateo

WHEREAS, MARLENE FINLEY was hired on November 12, 2013 as the County Parks Director for the newly re-established stand-alone Parks Department and will retire on December 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE FINLEY has made lasting contributions for a successful Parks Department through the wise development of private-public partnerships, creative local and regional public collaboration, astute management and leverage of Measure A funds and staff resources, and renewed and refreshed relationships with Friends and other community groups; and

WHEREAS, in 2014-2015, MARLENE FINLEY was instrumental to a Parks and Recreation Commission subcommittee in the development of a first ever County Mini-Park Policy to better provide park resources for less-park-supported areas of unincorporated county; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE FINLEY has accomplished many firsts as the Parks Director including a natural resource program, community engagement program, visitor services and interpretive program, Parks Visitor Use and Non-Use Study, and Parks Dog Management Subcommittee, and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department's accomplishments under MARLENE FINLEY's direction include the award winning Devil's Slide Trail, acquisition of Loma Mar Redwoods and Pillar Point Bluff, organizational study and succession planning, business development strategies, and positive media coverage; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE FINLEY is most admirable and respect worthy for the high standard of professionalism and kindness she brings to every person, interaction and situation; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE FINLEY is the example of a leader as defined by John Quincy Adams as her actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, and is to be commended for her demonstrable, evident and outstanding contributions to the county parks system, county government, and the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, hereby expresses its gratitude to **MARLENE FINLEY** upon her retirement and extends best wishes for many more years of success and happiness in her future pursuits.

Dated: December 13, 2016

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, President

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors