

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMATION OF A PORTOLA TRAIL COMMITTEE
TO SUPPORT DESIGNATION OF THE PORTOLA TRAIL AS A NATIONAL
HISTORIC TRAIL AND PROMOTE COMPLETION OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL
TRAIL THROUGH SAN MATEO COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, on November 4, 1769 the Portola Expedition from Spain travelled from Baja Mexico through San Diego and up the California coast, based on diaries their route is known to have covered approximately 50 miles along coastal Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties before arriving at Sweeney Ridge to view the San Francisco Bay, leading to colonization of the San Francisco Bay Area due to the strategic and commercial importance of the Golden Gate; and

WHEREAS, November 4, 2019 will be the 250th anniversary of this important expedition; and

WHEREAS, there is growing interest in formally designating the Portola Trail as a National Historic Trail managed by the National Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Portola Trail through San Mateo County is known to overlap with half of the California Coastal Trail alignment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the County of San Mateo to champion this effort

in order to build a coalition of support with other California counties, state and local agencies, and the Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, Congressional support of the California delegation is needed to: 1) secure funding for National Parks to develop a Feasibility Report to verify the exact trail alignment, 2) encourage other California Counties to define their narrative of when the expedition travelled through their communities, and 3) demonstrate the historic significance of this trail, and if successful the Feasibility Report would facilitate National Historic Trail designation by Congress.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves formation of a Portola Trail Committee to support designation of a Portola Trail as a National Historic Trail and promote completion of the California Coastal Trail through San Mateo County.

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