

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 968 (HILL) PUBLIC LANDS:
MARTIN'S BEACH PROPERTY, ACCESS ROAD**

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

WHEREAS Martin's Beach is coastal gem south of Half Moon Bay in unincorporated San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, it has been a swimming and surfing destination for generations of local families due to its broad sandy beaches and scenic views; and

WHEREAS, the new owner of the property adjacent to Martin's Beach, which is the sole vertical access to the beach, blocked public access to the road in 2008; and

WHEREAS, numerous attempts to reach an agreement with the new property owner have been unsuccessful and two lawsuits are currently pending to secure access to the road; and

WHEREAS, Martin's Beach is a public beach held in trust by the State of California for the people of California, and Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution mandates that no individual shall be permitted to exclude the right of way to coastal waters of the state whenever it is required for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 968 would provide further impetus for the property owner to engage in a negotiation discussion by requiring the State Lands Commission to consult and, if necessary, enter into negotiations with the private property owner to purchase all or a portion of the property for a public access road to Martin's Beach ; and

WHEREAS, if a purchase cannot be negotiated by January 16, 2016, the legislation would direct the State Lands Commission to acquire the road for public access using their eminent domain authority.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby supports Senate Bill 968 (Hill) regarding the Martin's Beach property access road.

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