

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT COMMENDING AND HONORING THE BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL ON ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail) was formed in 1989 with the vision to create a regional ridge trail system consisting of 550+ joined miles and, today, has successfully accomplished 340 of those trail miles in 10 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridge Trail was the inspiration of environmental leaders such as William Mott Jr., and a coalition of active outdoor enthusiasts who aspired to build and connect the region’s trails to provide a unique outdoor experience for hikers, bikers, and equestrians providing access to spectacular vistas, many of which were previously closed to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridge Trail provides an exemplary model of regional partnerships and advocacy with 75 public agencies having endorsed the Ridge Trail and been involved in plans, policy documents, and budgets and provided grants to help fund this scenic trail over the backbone of the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridge Trail is a leader in inspiring, recognizing, and encouraging volunteers and has one of the most successful programs in outdoor recreation with volunteers engaged in activities from planning, to coordinating with other agencies and partners, to outreach and event support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council serves as a role model to other regional planning agencies to work collaboratively for the good of the public and has inspired a generation of trail users to appreciate and explore the open space in their backyards; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2014; the community leaders, partner agencies, the board of directors, staff, volunteers and public will celebrate 25 years of trail connectivity, which has created a world-class multi-use trail system.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does hereby commend and congratulate the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for having joined together to create the outstanding achievements that have been accomplished over the past 25 years, achievements to be proud of for generations to come, and extends its most sincere wishes and encouragement for continued success.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at a Regular Meeting thereof, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- ABSENT:**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Secretary  
Board of Directors

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President  
Board of Directors

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

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District Clerk