



*Proclamation of the*  
**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

*Michael Williams*

**WHEREAS**, Michael Williams (Mike) has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) for 29 years, serving in his current capacity as the Real Property Manager since 2003, and is retiring; and

**WHEREAS**, Over Mike's 29-year career at the District, he was involved in over 452 transactions that protected over 35,784 acres of open space lands and he finished his last year exceptionally strong by protecting the most acreage in a single year over the District's 50-year history at 6,304 acres (beating the prior 1986 calendar year-end record by 1,000-acres and the 2006 single largest land purchase by 2,717- acres); and

**WHEREAS**, Mike has deeply believed in and valued building relationships internally at the District and externally with partners, preserve neighbors, community members and other stakeholders, where he dedicated endless hours in nurturing strong relationships with others to promote the District's collaborative culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike can be considered an honorary Planner who was able to see future, long-term opportunities for public access within our open space preserves, contributed to the development and implementation of the Vision Plan, was extremely articulate and well versed in District history and objectives, and understood the incredible value of community engagement in planning processes; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike always reminded us of the importance of thinking regionally and respect the word "regional" in Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike dedicated many years in acquiring property rights for regional trails such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail, California Riding and Hiking Trail, Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, Ravenswood Bay Trail, Saratoga-to-Skyline Trail, and others, where he developed long-standing partnerships that enabled regional trail connections, linking our open space preserves to other public lands and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike's sincerity, quick responsiveness, problem-solving can-do approach, and down-to-earth sense of humor are appreciated by everyone around him and contributed to his success in all of his endeavors, and will be greatly missed; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike leaves large shoes to fill at the District, both literally and figuratively; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike's hard work and dedication will be remembered by all of us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IS BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District unanimously and enthusiastically congratulate Michael Williams on a well-deserved retirement, look back on his accomplishments with gratitude and awe, and wish him all the very best for the future.

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