

## Proclamation of the MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Bauriedel has volunteered as a Docent Naturalist for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) for 35 years; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1987, Marilyn has shared her enthusiasm for and knowledge of natural and cultural history by planning and leading hikes for the public on District open space preserves; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn's love of nature began as a teenager at summer camp in New Hampshire (Camp Marlyn at Bradley Lake) and continued into her marriage to Bill as evidenced by their honeymoon in 1967 being a week-long camping trip to California's Trinity Alps. Marilyn and Bill have instilled their children and grandchildren with a reverence for and enjoyment of nature through many family camping and backpacking trips in the Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn has been committed to community service for environmental conservation and public education for many years serving as an early board member for Committee for Green Foothills. Along her engagement journey she connected with other local advocates like Olive Mayer, Ellie Huggins, Lennie Roberts and Joyce Nichols; Joyce was the District's docent coordinator in 1987 and Marilyn leapt at the chance to learn from her and then teach others about the amazing natural resources in the Bay Area. She has also been active in scholarship fundraising to support young women to attend college; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn possesses broad and deep naturalist skills and she has an historian's heart – understanding how the history of people is deeply connected to a place and its stories. Her special pursuits and skills include bird ecology, wildflower identification, and the region's rich biodiversity. Marilyn has also been interested in Santa Clara County barns for a long while; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn is recognized by her peer docents, District staff and Board of Directors and exemplifies long term commitment to volunteer service and community involvement;

**NOW THEREFORE,** on this Fourteenth day of December 2022, the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District unanimously and wholeheartedly recognizes Marilyn Bauriedel for her dedication to the District's mission and her valuable contribution to the work of the organization.

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