



Proclamation of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
Honoring

# Open Space Authority

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**WHEREAS**, in 1993, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Open Space Authority) was created by the California State Legislature to balance development of the region with protection of the ecological integrity of the land across the cities of Campbell, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Santa Clara and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Authority has acquired and protected more than 30,000 acres land across four open space preserves available for the public to enjoy year-round through hiking, mountain bicycling, and horseback riding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Authority has permanently protected habitat for 25 endangered and threatened species of wildlife and plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Authority has encouraged a rich tradition of engaging the public in hands-on land stewardship through free educational programming, community outreach, and outdoor experiences within their preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Authority has been a steadfast partner to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District since its creation with both agencies working in concert to protect and enable critical regional wildlife corridors between the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Diablo Mountain Range through Coyote Valley and the Gabilan Range through the Pajaro Valley, as well as to conserve sensitive natural habitat lands as part of California's globally recognized biodiversity hotspot; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, voters passed Measure Q to fund the Open Space Authority and voted again to extend funding in 2020 through the passage of Measure T with an overwhelming majority, placing it among the top ten most successful conservation measures nationwide in the past 30 years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does hereby express its congratulations to its long-time partner, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, on the celebratory occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

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