

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-30**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT CELEBRATING  
DIRECTOR NONETTE HANKO'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

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**WHEREAS**, more than forty years ago, Nonette Hanko stood where Los Trancos and Monte Bello Preserves are today, and cast her eyes south to Mount Umunhum and north to Purisima Creek and west to the Pacific Ocean and resolved to create a bi-county open space district that forever changed our lives and the lives of generations yet to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the District would not have been formed and would not have accomplished so much for the public's benefit, including the preservation of over 60,000 acres of permanently protected open space, were it not for Nonette Hanko's foresight, tenacity, political acumen; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko has been instrumental in the formation of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and has been a consistent advocate for carrying forward the vision of the voters who originally brought the District into existence so many years ago, it is herby requested that Nonette continue as the "Queen Bee" of this continually active hive of conservation activity and keep the "buzz" going for a long, long time; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko is known for her powers of persuasion, her real negotiating secret is the power of her wonderful, magical brownies; guaranteed to sway even the most ardent opponent.

**WHEREAS**, no one has the extraordinary institutional memory of highlights and history of the nearly 40 years of MROSD's existence as does Nonette Hanko; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko has always believed in the power of ordinary people of good will to make an extraordinary and lasting difference on the peninsula and through her work has helped ensure that the region remains one of the world's most beautiful places; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko is an inspiration to citizens who want to make a positive difference in the world and living proof that Margaret Mead was right when she said: "Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has"; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko, mother of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, did, as all good parents do, give her child roots and, forty years later, as all good parents also do, is giving her child "wings"; and

**WHEREAS**, Nonette Hanko's outstanding efforts and everlasting contributions have rightfully received tremendous praise and commendation, having received the prestigious Creators of Legacy award as part of the Palo Alto Centennial, selected to be part of the Santa Clara County Environmental Hall of Fame by the League of Conservation voters, awarded the World of Outdoors from the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County, bestowed with the Lifetime of Achievement Award from Avenidas, and recognized as Woman of the Year by the 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly District of the California legislature; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District congratulate Nonette Hanko on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, look back on her accomplishments with gratitude and awe and wish her all the best for the future.

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