



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

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

Loro Paterson

WHEREAS, Loro Paterson has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for 27 years and has retired; and

WHEREAS, Loro responded to, and led District ranger staff on, numerous medical calls, enforcement calls, and searches that saved the public from injury, illness and death; and

WHEREAS, Loro brought professional integrity and a genuine spirit to the ranks of Midpeninsula Open Space Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Loro's land management philosophy was in alignment with Aldo Leopold's statement "We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect;" and

WHEREAS, Loro came from a family that values public service and brought that sense of duty to her position as District Ranger; and

WHEREAS, Loro went above and beyond expectations, monitoring radio traffic and observing the Monte Bello preserve well beyond her assigned work shifts, including while asleep in her ranger residence, which resulted in numerous call-outs for gunshots and off road vehicle activity in Monte Bello Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Loro brought her knowledge and scientific methodology to the monitoring and reporting of the health of the San Gregorio watershed which will aid in restoring native salmon and steelhead habitat; and

WHEREAS, as a student of geology, Loro was dedicated to reaching high points throughout the State of California, she also achieved many high points during her employment at the District; and

WHEREAS, Loro leaves a legacy of the many Rangers she trained, the visitors she assisted, and in the land that she helped to preserve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Loro will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends at the District;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Yoriko Kishimoto, President of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, along with my colleagues on the Board of Directors, unanimously and enthusiastically congratulate Loro on a well-deserved retirement, look back on her accomplishments with gratitude and awe, and wish her all the best for the future.

YORIKO KISHIMOTO, BOARD PRESIDENT