



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL WILDERNESS ACT

WHEREAS, in September 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law, recognizing places "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain"; and

WHEREAS, this year, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, upholding its proud tradition and resolving that future generations will have access to and enjoy forest paths, navigate winding rivers, and scale rocky peaks as visitors to our country's majestic outdoors; and

WHEREAS, as natural habitats for diverse wildlife, destinations for family camping trips, and as venues for hiking, hunting, and fishing, America's wilderness landscapes hold boundless opportunities to discover and explore the natural world and historic venues from our own past; and

WHEREAS, Wilderness Areas provide immense value to our Nation -- in shared experiences and as an integral part of our economy; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is fortunate to contain the iconic San Rafael and Dick Smith Wilderness Areas, which harbor remarkable wildlife and provide exceptional hiking, birding and other recreation for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, we reflect on the profound influence of the great outdoors on our lives and our national character, and we recommit to preserving them for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, there are currently efforts to designate additional wilderness in the Los Padres National Forest through the "Central Coast Heritage Act" (Rep. Lois Capps 24th District, CA) which would protect vital habitat corridors, close to 200 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the 400 mile "Condor Trail" National Recreation Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commemorates the 50 year anniversary of the landmark Federal Wilderness Act and encourages all residents to take advantage of the many local outdoor recreational opportunities in our community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 1st day of July, 2014 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board*

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