

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE  
COASTAL ROUTE BIKEPATH IN THE  
GOLETA VALLY AS THE “OBERN TRAIL”**

*WHEREAS, George and Vie Obern are recognized locally, statewide and nationally as staunch and enduring advocates for trails and pathways; and,*

*WHEREAS, George and Vie Obern have spent most of their lives working to improve conditions for equestrians, hikers and bicyclists throughout Santa Barbara County, and promoting the benefits of trails to any and all persons willing to hear their message; and,*

*WHEREAS, George and Vie Obern are particularly known for their participation in the successful development of local trail and pathway projects including the Maria Ygnacia Creek Bikepath, the Coastal Route Bikepath, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and many others; and,*

*WHEREAS, during the 1970's George and Vie Obern assumed a leadership role in the development of the Coastal Route and Maria Ygnacia Creek bikepaths, working tirelessly to bring consensus among local homeowners, Special Districts, Caltrans, The Southern Pacific Railroad and County government regarding the need to build 6 miles of paved bikepath in the midst of an urbanized area; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Coastal Route and Maria Ygnacia Creek bikepaths have come to be known as primary recreational facilities for the Goleta Valley and two of the best urban pathways in the State.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,*** that this Board does proclaim the Coastal Bike Route in the Goleta Valley to be the “Obern Trail” in recognition of the lifelong contributions made by George and Vie Obern to trails and pathways in Santa Barbara County, the State of California and The United States of America.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 20th day of January 2004, by unanimous vote of all members present.*