



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 13, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

Recognizing and Celebrating John Mills for Twenty-Six Years of Volunteer Service

Representing the Second District on Sonoma County Regional Parks Advisory Boards

Whereas, on March 29, 1990, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors established the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation, including equity and diversity in the outdoors as well as the development of recreation, park and open space facilities; and

Whereas, John Mills first represented the Second District on the Sonoma County Regional Parks, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission serving 20 years from 1999 to 2019. He served in leadership positions numerous times, including the role of Chair; and

Whereas, Mr. Mills' support of the development of the Petaluma – Sebastopol trail plan, advocacy for strong cycling safety - with emphasis on dedicated Class I bike routes - and the economic benefits of local cycling was invaluable; and

Whereas, a crowning achievement during Mr. Mills' tenure was serving a pivotal part of the process in the opening of Tolay Lake Regional Park to the public in 2018 and being involved throughout the planning process to develop the park with its many unique aspects, both geographic and cultural; and

Whereas, in November 2018, the voters of Sonoma County passed Measure M to support both county and city parks with a one-eighth cent sales tax as set forth in the Sonoma County Parks Improvement, Water Quality and Fire Safety Measure Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance; and

Whereas, following his 20 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Mr. Mills' was selected to represent the Second District in the newly formed Sonoma County Regional Parks Measure M Citizen Oversight Committee serving another six years from 2019 to 2025; and

Whereas, Mr. Mills' services on the Oversight Committee included reviewing revenues and expenditures and annual approval of a report summarizing the investments into our County and local parks made possible by the voter approving the sales tax.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma recognizes and thanks John Mills for his Twenty-Six years of dedicated service and commitment to the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department representing the residents of Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.