



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 17, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Celebrating Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, the Sonoma Ecology Center, and their Team Sugarloaf
Partners.**

Whereas, located in the Mayacamas Mountains, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park extends across the boundary between Sonoma and Napa counties and was established as a park in 1962, but before then, it was Indigenous tribes that lived there for more than 12,000 years; and

Whereas, in 2011, when Sugarloaf Ridge State Park became one of the first parks to close under the California State Parks Plan due to budget cuts, Sonoma Ecology Center and Team Sugarloaf partners did not think twice about taking over to continue operating; and

Whereas, Sonoma Ecology Center, a nonprofit organization, understood the significance of keeping Sugarloaf open and operating; bringing the community together, which in turn leverages tens of thousands of volunteer hours annually to maintain the park allows it to host over 150,000 visitors; and

Whereas, the creativity embedded in this local support has allowed the park to thrive, despite two wildfires that burned over 98% of the park, a pandemic, and major storms; and

Whereas, the park's exceptional biodiversity, including redwood forests, rare

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serpentine habitats, and large protected areas that support hundreds of native plants and animals, including a significant number of rare species, make it a unique and fascinating destination for nature enthusiasts; and

Whereas, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park contains Bald Mountain and the headwaters of Sonoma Creek, including a 25-foot-tall seasonal waterfall, 25 miles of hiking trails, the Robert Ferguson Observatory, mountain biking and horseback riding accessible trails, and a family-oriented campground that hosts diverse camping experiences; and

Whereas, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park offers programs that cater to people of all ages and backgrounds, allowing everyone to enjoy the benefits of a deeper connection to nature.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby congratulate and celebrate the success of Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, Sonoma Ecology Center and its Team Sugarloaf partners, and the extraordinary community that makes it such a model for the state and our future.

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Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.