

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROTECTION OF
THE MONTEREY BAY EXEMPTION ZONE**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, San Mateo County supports coastal resource protection, sustainable fishing and the tremendous economic contribution of our County's coastal and visitor serving businesses, and;

WHEREAS, San Mateo County recognizes the importance of the protections afforded marine life and coastal and marine ecosystems by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the management of Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary on the majority of San Mateo County's coast, and;

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is currently conducting a joint management plan review for the Monterey Bay, Gulf of the Farallones, and Cordell Banks Marine Sanctuaries, which includes an investigation of sanctuary boundary adjustments, and;

WHEREAS, San Mateo County appreciates the high level of public process the National Marine Sanctuary Program has extended through its joint management review process and its development of the Northern Management Area off the coast of San

Mateo County, and;

WHEREAS, part of the waters off the San Mateo County coast up past San Francisco to the Marin Headlands are currently excluded from the sanctuary system in what is known as the Monterey Bay Exemption Zone - even as the Sanctuary protects the waters surrounding this zone from Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and down to Monterey County, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Pacifica has completed a multi-million dollar beach restoration project, improved waste water treatment through the construction of the Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant and worked tirelessly to improve the coastal resources in the City of Pacifica, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors urges the leadership of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to extend the boundary of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include the Monterey Bay Exemption Zone and to afford these waters off San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties the full legal protection of the National Marine Sanctuary.

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