RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE
MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL

Whereas, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail is proposed as a multi-use recreation and interpretive pathway that links existing and newly established trail segments into a continuous coastal trail around Monterey Bay; and

Whereas, the trail will invite pedestrians and bicyclists to “experience” the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary from vantage points on land; and

Whereas, the trail will be located and designed to respect residential, agricultural and environmentally sensitive surroundings; and

Whereas, through interpretive features, visitors will increase their appreciation and sense of stewardship for one of the most ecologically unusual and scenic water bodies in the world; and

Whereas, the interpretive program will also promote environmentally sensitive trail use; and

Whereas, the trail will provide a regional transportation alternative to the automobile; and

Whereas, the trail would be located on public land where appropriate, or negotiated rights-of-way either purchased or leased from private landowners or managers; and

Whereas, as a recreational amenity the trail offers an economic advantage to the communities through which it passes:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary on this date February 7, 2003 joins the other agencies and non-governmental organizations working to create the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary supports siting, design and implementation of the trail in accordance with these principles: proximity to the sea; connectivity to places people want to go; integrity as a continuous, non-motorized route; respect for natural habitats, cultural and archaeological features, private property, neighborhoods and agricultural operations along the route; and feasibility of achieving timely, tangible results with available resources; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State and Federal elected representatives are urged to secure and provide in a timely manner sufficient funds for planning, implementation and maintenance of the *Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National marine Sanctuary, this 7th day of February, 2003.

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Stephanie Harlan Dan Haifley
Chair Secretary