

WHEREAS, Craig Britton, who has served the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Open Space District) for 30 years, helping to acquire, manage and protect 50,000 acres of open space on the peninsula and will retire in March of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Craig Britton attended Claremont Men's College and San Francisco State University, earned a BA degree in Business Administration prior to working as a Right-of-Way Agent for Caltrans, a Real Property Agent for the County of Santa Cruz, and in land acquisition for the Marin County Open Space District; and

WHEREAS, Craig Britton was hired as the Land Acquisitions Manager for the Open Space District in 1977, assumed the duties of Assistant General Manager in 1979, and was appointed the District's General Manager in 1994, and is known as a firm but skillful negotiator and respected colleague among the staff, the Board of Directors and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Craig Britton's tenure has seen an increase of land holdings from approximately 6,000 acres to nearly 56,000 acres (a 933% increase), from eight open space preserves to 26 (a 325% increase), and from 13 employees to just over 100 (a 769% increase); and

WHEREAS, Craig Britton has worked tirelessly on the District's projects that include linking the District's lands with other parklands and creating a continuous greenbelt of preserved open space, participating with other regional trail systems, developing a Coastside Protection Program, and working with neighbors and resource professionals to maintain high standards of resource management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

Craig Britton

for 30 years of visionary service to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, working to acquire, restore, and maintain for the enjoyment and education of future generations some of the most spectacular mountainous, foothill, and bayland open space on the peninsula.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Eighteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Four

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Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors