

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292758

ADOPTED ON FEB 22 2000

WHEREAS, with the vision, leadership and dedication of volunteers, community leaders, elected officials, and the City of San Diego we have a natural treasure called Mission Trails Regional Park. Nearly 6,000 acres of pristine land located in the heart of San Diego only minutes from downtown has been set aside for residents and tourists to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, this beautiful park maintains San Diego's natural environment and provides opportunities to enjoy hiking, biking, equestrian trails, and fishing as well as the plants, animals and history of Mission Trails Regional Park' and

WHEREAS, the park includes Cowles Mountain, one of the highest points in San Diego and a popular destination for nature lovers - - however, this popularity along with the weather had a detrimental effect causing the trail to become eroded, rocky and deeply entrenched; and

WHEREAS, the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) are allied service programs in which young women and men of all social, economic and educational backgrounds work with local community members in providing civilian service; and

WHEREAS, the NCCC and the CCC worked with Mission Trails Regional Park staff and volunteers from November through December 1999 in order to restore the Cowles Mountain Trail; and

WHEREAS, the enormity of the project is evident by the fact that more than 3,100 person-hours were completed to restore the lower 150 yards and the upper 1/4 mile of the trail; and

WHEREAS, workers on the project hauled by hand more than 100 tons of native soil and rock up the mountain to fill in the deep ruts and crevasses as well as implemented erosion control methods to deflect water away from the hiking trail; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the significant contributions of Len Trentacosta, Terry Gaughen, Brad Leitch as well as the NCCC and the CCC and Ranger Rick Thompson of Mission Trails Regional Park for their outstanding achievements in restoring the Cowles Mountain Trail for the benefit of the citizens of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend and express our gratitude to Mission Trails Regional Park's staff and volunteers, and to the participating National Civilian Community Corps and the California Conservation Corps volunteers, for the restoration of Cowles Mountain Trail at Mission Trails Regional Park for future generations to enjoy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 22, 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be **"Cowles Mountain Trail Day"** in San Diego.

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