

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

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Stephanie Harlan  
Chair

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Dan Haifley  
Secretary