



## Proclamation of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Honoring

# *Deer Hollow Farm*

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, founded in 1994 as a volunteer, nonprofit organization, was formed to help sustain a much beloved historic, working homestead and educational center located within Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve known as Deer Hollow Farm that has been providing natural and cultural enrichment to countless families, adults, and young children; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm is to preserve Deer Hollow Farm for future generations as a historical area and working farm and support the Farm's regional environmental education program for the benefit of schools and the community by raising funds through donations, grants, and public events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm has been working for decades in close collaboration with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which owns the lands and provides farm maintenance and capital improvement support, the City of Mountain View, which provides public programming support, and the County of Santa Clara, which has been providing financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm contributes invaluable operational assistance to help enable the offering of summer camps and special interpretive programs, a free "living museum" with century-old restored farm buildings, approximately 80 to 100 farm animals and birds, a large demonstration garden, orchard, and homestead interpretive signs, a nature center featuring educational exhibits of local plants, birds, and animals and picnic areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm has raised and invested more than \$2.5 million for ongoing programs and infrastructure capital repairs and improvements at Deer Hollow Farm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm has trained and hosts a community of more than 100 volunteers who serve in a variety of education and caretaking roles; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District that we hereby honor the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm on the occasion of their 30th anniversary. We commend their unwavering dedication, invaluable contributions, and commitment to preserving and enhancing Deer Hollow Farm as a cherished community treasure.

We express our sincere gratitude for their tireless efforts in educating and inspiring many generations of individuals about environmental stewardship, sustainable practices, and the importance of preserving our natural and cultural heritage. We wish them ongoing success as they continue to serve a vital role in shaping a more sustainable future for our community into the future.

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