Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, supporting The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Association of Bay Area Governments requested nominations from local governments and special districts for Priority Conservation Areas pursuant to the Plan Bay Area multi-agency regional planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, Priority Conservation Areas are areas of regional significance which contain important agricultural, natural resource, watershed, historic, scenic, cultural, recreational, and/or ecological values and ecosystem functions deserving of conservation funding; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, a growing network of launching and landing sites that allows non-motorized small boat users to better enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail benefits the region by improving and increasing recreational access for non-motorized small boat use by persons of all abilities, fosters stewardship of the Bay and reduces impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat through education of boaters, and provides economic benefits to waterfront and water-oriented businesses by promoting opportunities for single and multi-day excursions on the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma pledges its commitment to completing the regionally-significant San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail by supporting its designation as a Priority Conservancy Area, making it eligible for crucial funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California hereby supports the designation of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area.
Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Carrillo: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.