

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL**

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 is implemented under the leadership of the State Coastal Conservancy, working in close collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the California Department of Boating and Waterways; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail fosters stewardship of the Bay and reduces impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat through education of boaters; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail provides economic benefits to waterfront and water-oriented businesses by promoting opportunities for single and multi-day excursions on the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the _____ recognizes the benefits of non-motorized small boat recreation on the Bay and wants to encourage this activity as part of a regional trail network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ officially endorses the concept of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.