RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING
THE NORTH BAY CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

WHEREAS, the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited ("NBTU") was established in September of 1972. At that time Trout Unlimited National’s primary directive was to care for and restore our nation’s dwindling fresh water resources and the native trout species that lived in them. In Marin County seven men; Leo Cronin, Peter Berg, Pete Arrigoni, Stan Griffin, Ron Grou, Dan Scott and Gordon Ehrman; dedicated themselves on local, state and national levels to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS, as of today some 43 years after the establishment of NBTU, the leadership names have changed but the founding directors’ objectives are still being pursued. Instream and streamside projects have been completed in Cort Madera, San Anselmo, San Geronimo, Lagunitas, Redwood, Walker and most recently Devil’s Gulch Creeks. Today’s NBTU Chapter is still one of Marin County’s primary sources of volunteer participants who continue to work toward restoring our diverse watershed areas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to NBTU’s restoration programs, the organization operates two youth-directed educational programs; Trout In The Classroom ("TIC") and First Cast; which are designed to introduce Marin County’s young people to the basic principles of environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, NBTU’s TIC program provides aquariums, curriculum, and NBTU mentors to oversee the hatching, care and releasing of Rainbow Trout and has reached an estimated 20,000 students in its 28-year history. In 2016 it is expected that close to 80 Marin classrooms will participate in this program, engaging over 1,600 public and private school students; and

WHEREAS, NBTU’s First Cast program is an “on site” angling program that teaches fishing techniques as well as principles of conservation to participating youth. This program actively involves children between the ages of eight through eighteen, providing both instructional events and follow up outings promoting responsible fishing activities. This program has been in existence for 15 years and has reached well over 700 youth; and

WHEREAS, NBTU has recently introduced a program in cooperation with the State of California and the National Veterans’ Administrations to offer local fishing events for their most severely disabled veterans. The news of this program has spread rapidly and NBTU has been asked to include vision impaired students from an East Bay school. An event for them will most likely happen this coming spring following the activities template used for Big Brothers/Big Sisters fishing outings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby commends the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their 43 years of contributions to the wellbeing of Marin County’s environment and people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 2nd day of February 2016.

STEVE KINSEY - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4 - PRESIDENT

JUDY ARNOLD - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5

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