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President's Project Resolution

Whereas, San Bruno Mountain, surrounded by the cities of Brisbane, Daly City, South San Francisco, Colma and San Francisco, is one of the largest public open space areas in immediate proximity to a dense metropolitan area that is home to four federally listed endangered butterflies (including the Mission Blue) as well as over a dozen rare and endangered native plants, and

Whereas, The one and one-half acre *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*, located within the area of the main park entrance to San Bruno Mountain State & County Park, was created in the late 1990's and designed to demonstrate the distinct plant communities native to San Bruno Mountain that include grasslands, oak woodlands, coastal dunes, freshwater marshes, riparian areas, northern coastal scrub, and

Whereas, A plant community is a group of plants, all integrated in a particular ecosystem, competing for light, nutrients and water and usually dominated by one or a few species, and

Whereas, Two decades later, the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* exists in name only, on the pages of San Mateo County's trail map of San Bruno Mountain, as the abandoned garden is an unruly mess of invasive weeds and,

Whereas, *San Bruno Mountain Watch* secured a Site Activity Review permit August 2018 allowing for the initial stages of invasive plant removal to proceed through July 2020 involving youth from South San Francisco, Daly City, Colma and Brisbane in preparation of this project, and

Whereas, The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and also as stated in Article II of the corporation's Bylaws: Section 3: "to assist in projects for the conservation of our natural resources" and Section 5: "to cooperate with other agencies in furthering interests in educational areas," and

Whereas, This restoration project provides opportunity to engage many communities, from schools to neighborhood organizations and local businesses and others, as well as

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create an educational center and outdoor classroom to learn about the unique flora of San Bruno Mountain, and

Whereas, The original site plan is intended as a reference for the restoration of the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*, but the goal of this project is not to return the garden to its exact previous layout or species composition but to collaboratively create a new garden that fulfills the original goal of representing the native plant communities of San Bruno Mountain while educating park visitors to the unique stories of the mountain and its native plants with interpretive signage for the plant communities represented within the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*, and therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. for the 2019-2021 administrative term, adopt this fundraising state president's project to restore the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* by partnering with *San Bruno Mountain Watch*, a nonprofit organization (active on San Bruno Mountain for nearly 50 years) that leads public restoration and education programs on the mountain plus operates *Mission Blue Nursery*, that specializes in growing only the native flora of San Bruno Mountain, and the *San Mateo County Parks* designing, manufacturing and installing permanent educational interpretive signage, and;

Resolved, That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and pay expenses specifically for the 2019-2021 President's Project to propagate 1000 gallon plants representing 100 species from *San Bruno Mountain Watch/Mission Blue Nursery*, manufacture one large interpretive sign describing the plant communities and layout of the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* and 100 smaller signs for the individual plant species that tell a unique story from San Mateo County Parks, and;

Resolved, That checks made payable to CGCI be sent to the CGCI State Chairman for the project, who will keep records of the transactions for CGCI and forward the donations to the CGCI treasurer for deposit into the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the 2019-2021 President's Project to restore native plants within *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* plus design, manufacture and installation of permanent educational interpretive signage and;

Resolved, That any remaining balance as of June 30, 2022 in the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the 2019-2021 President's Project be transferred to the CGCI Net Asset with Donor Restrictions Project Mission Blue (line code 31512), thereby closing the fund.

Note: If Project Mission Blue is not renewed in 2021, then remaining balance is transferred to Board Designated Net Asset without Donor Restrictions Honor Book Fund (line code 31007), thereby closing the fund.

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