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2014-2019 Project “Rare Plant Treasure Hunt” Resolution

Whereas, California is one of the world’s great biodiversity hotspots, with more than 6,500 beautiful plant types native to this unique and wonderful land, and

- Scientists have found 2,500 of these plants to be rare, and
- More than two dozen of these have been lost to extinction, with many more in danger, and
- The California Native Plant Society, a society of gardeners, scientists, and plant lovers from across California strives to understand, protect, and celebrate these rare plants, and
- The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and in Article II of the corporation’s Bylaws, and,

Whereas, these objectives include

- Assisting in projects for the conservation of our natural resources
- Promoting, creating and furthering an interest in amateur gardening, in plant life, and in bird life, and
- Cooperating with other agencies in furthering interests including environmental awareness, and

Whereas,

- California’s unique and irreplaceable plants are in need of support to survive, therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. partner with the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) to adopt this fundraising project to:

- Support California’s rare plants
- Train Rare Plant Treasure Hunt volunteers to discover and document rare plants throughout California (2,200 populations have been found in four years, 1/3 of these new discoveries)
- Collect seeds from rare plants so that they can be stored in liquid nitrogen and so be permanently preserved in case of disaster
- Collect tissue from rare plants for genetic sequencing by UC scientists, to more fully understand their history and better plan how we can save them
- Begin a de-extinction project, to find seeds of extinct California plants, grow the seeds to increase the number, and preserve these seeds in liquid nitrogen for eventual resurrection, and;

Resolved,

- That funding for this five-year fund raising project strive for a goal of \$3,000 in annual donations to be used for materials, travel for plant exploration, planting and training and;
- That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and forward all donations received to the CNPS Rare Plant program twice a year on or about January 15 and on or about June 15 and;
- 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 2014-2019 Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Project and;
- That the project be reviewed for its viability in 2019 when it is mutually re-evaluated by CGCI and CNPS to consider renewal of the partnership and fund raising project.

Mission Statement

California Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes gardening, floral design, civic beautification, environmental responsibility and the exchange of information and ideas.