

Resolution 2009-16

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Opposing the Closure of the San Juan Bautista State Park

WHEREAS, the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park is located immediately adjacent to the historic Mission San Juan Bautista in the heart of the historic town center of the City of San Juan Bautista, and

WHEREAS, the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park consists of the original Plaza of the City of San Juan Bautista, the Zanetta House, the Plaza Stables, the historic and restored Plaza Hotel, the Castro-Breen Adobe, and other properties that are part of the early history of the City of San Juan Bautista, and

WHEREAS, the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park is an integral part of San Juan Bautista's historic commercial district which even to this day continues to be the location of virtually all commercial activity in the City, and

WHEREAS, the economy of San Juan Bautista is built around the historic Nature of the community including the Mission San Juan Bautista, the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park, and San Juan Bautista Commercial Historic District; and,

WHEREAS, the economy of the City and the livelihood of the business owners and employees are almost exclusively dependent upon the visitors to this historic community, and

WHEREAS, thousands of school children visit the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park and the Mission San Juan Bautista to learn about and experience the history of early California, and

WHEREAS, the historic Plaza Hotel, the Zanneta House, the Plaza Stables and the recently reopened Castro-Breen Adobe are valuable historic assets that have been restored at great public expense, and

WHEREAS, closure of the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park will deprive these historic and valuable structures of the maintenance and care required to preserve these valuable and historic structures, and

WHEREAS, the closure of the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park will ultimately cost the State of California more from the resultant neglect than will be allegedly saved by its closure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE that the City Council on behalf of its citizens, businesses, and thousands of school children that will be deprived of this unique learning experience, strongly urge the Legislature and Governor of the State of California to remove the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park from the list of state parks and facilities considered for closure, and to keep the San Juan State Historic Park open and thereby preserve this valuable and irreplaceable historic resource of and for the people of the State of California.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted at a regular meeting of the San Juan Bautista City council on the 16th day of June, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Edge, Laverone, Hill, Bilich, Moore

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Rick Edge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda G. McIntyre, City Clerk