



## **SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### **Fremont Peak Day Proclamation**

**WHEREAS:** Today, in San Benito County, we stand to remember that the Gavilan Peak of the old California Days is now known as Fremont Peak rising high over the county divide between Monterey and San Benito Counties and we recall that it was John Charles Fremont who lead five United States Topographical Surveys from 1842 to 1854 to find pathways and mountain passes that would lead from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean year-round;

**WHEREAS:** Today, in San Benito County we can step back in time and place to the 4th of March , 1846, when Captain John Charles Fremont and his troop set up camp on Gavilan Peak, erected a sapling pole, and raised their American Flag in open defiance of General Castro's order to leave the area;

**WHEREAS:** Today 10 miles south of San Juan, we can look out over the San Juan Valley to where on December 1st in 1846 Fremont and his California Battalion of 430 rag-tag mountain men, soldiers, Indians, blacks, immigrants, and professional Navy men and a thousand horses had set up camp to wait for the arrival of 300 head of cattle to use for food on their trip to the South in California where they would take the final stands against the War with Mexico;

**WHEREAS:** Today, we can step back in time and recall that in 1850 John Charles Fremont had been elected in Monterey to serve as our first Senator for the new, 31st state, of California;

**WHEREAS:** Today, we stand as we have stood with Volunteer Firemen, Service Club members, Veterans of our wars, County civic leaders, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Boys and Girls of our Scout Troops, State Park Rangers, and other citizens of this glorious State of California as they celebrate Fremont Peak Day.

**THEREFORE, THE SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMS April 29, 2018 as FREMONT PEAK DAY in the County of San Benito, California.**

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**Anthony Botelho, Chairman**  
**San Benito County Board of Supervisors**