

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF THE 540-ACRE NYLAND RANCH.**

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land intends to first acquire Nyland Ranch from the current landowners and subsequently convey title to the property to the San Benito Agricultural Land Trust for conservation and open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, the long-term protection of this property would help maintain the historic and bucolic feel of the City of San Juan Bautista; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan has a guiding principle to establish defined boundaries to separate cities and unincorporated communities from prime agricultural land and important natural resources, using such features as agriculture buffers, greenbelts, open space, and parks; and

WHEREAS, the County wants to preserve the county's environmental quality and diverse natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, the long-term protection of the property would conserve meaningful wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Benito has a general plan which demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation; and

WHEREAS, the long-term protection of the property would allow cattle grazing to continue on the property indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, without the protection of this property, the land is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the above-mentioned goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County hereby supports the acquisition of the Nyland Ranch property by the Trust for Public Land and the land's conveyance to the San Benito Agricultural Land Trust for conservation and open space purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors
this 12th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor(s)

NOES: Supervisor(s)

ABSENT: Supervisor(s)

ABSTAIN: Supervisor(s)

By: _____

Anthony Botelho, Chair

ATTEST:
Janet Slibsager, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
Barbara Thompson, County Counsel

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

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