

**MEMORANDUM
FROM THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD**

DATE: Feb 21, 2014
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Joseph Piesman on behalf of the Natural Resources Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Landmark Federal Wilderness Act

The Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) discussed the importance of Wilderness Areas to the quality of life of the residents of Fort Collins upon the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Landmark Federal Wilderness Act. The following motion was proposed:

The NRAB encourages City Council to issue a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Landmark Federal Wilderness Act, originally passed in 1964. The citizens of Fort Collins benefit greatly from having so many federal Wilderness Areas, National Parks, and National Forests within easy reach and these protected lands are an incredible benefit to our quality of life here in Fort Collins. Therefore, a resolution in honor of this landmark act would be most appropriate.

The motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6-0 in favor.

Attached to this Memo is also a SAMPLE* resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors in Sonoma County, CA in honor of this same 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Commemorating The 50th Anniversary Of The Landmark Federal Wilderness Act.**

Whereas, in September 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law, recognizing places "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain;" and

Whereas, throughout our history, countless people have passed through America's most treasured landscapes, leaving their beauty unmarred; and

Whereas, this month, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, upholding that proud tradition and resolving that future generations will trek forest paths, navigate winding rivers, and scale rocky peaks as visitors to the majesty of our great outdoors; and

Whereas, as natural habitats for diverse wildlife; as destinations for family camping trips; and as venues for hiking, hunting, and fishing, America's wilderness landscapes hold boundless opportunities to discover and explore; and

Whereas, Wilderness Areas provide immense value to our Nation -- in shared experiences and as an integral part of our economy; and

Whereas, our region's iconic wilderness areas draw tourists from across the country and around the world, bolstering local businesses and supporting American jobs; and

Whereas, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, we reflect on the profound influence of the great outdoors on our lives and our national character, and we recommit to preserving them for generations to come.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the adoption of this Resolution, the County of Sonoma does hereby Commemorating The 50th Anniversary Of The Landmark Federal Wilderness Act.