



Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
PROCLAIMING
VENTURA COUNTY
A "LEAVE NO TRACE" COUNTY

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY IS A PLACE OF UNPARALLELED BEAUTY FROM "THE RUGGED MOUNTAINS TO PRISTINE BEACHES, ABUNDANT WILDLIFE INCLUDING ENDANGERED CONDORS AND STEELHEAD SALMON, EXCEPTIONAL FLORA FROM COAST REDWOODS TO MATILJA POPPIES; AND

WHEREAS, EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ENJOY OUR LOCAL PUBLIC LANDS, INCLUDING COUNTY BEACHES AND PARKS, AND THE TOLL OF THIS USE CAN BE DEGRADATION OF OUR LOCAL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEAVE NO TRACE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS DEVELOPED SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE RESPONSIBLE WAYS TO USE OUR PUBLIC SPACES AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA WILL JOIN THE LEAVE NO TRACE ORGANIZATION AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT A LEAVE NO TRACE ETHOS IN THOSE LIVING AND VISITING VENTURA COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEAVE NO TRACE SEVEN PRINCIPLES ARE:

- PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE
- TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES
- DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY
- LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
- MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS (BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE)
- RESPECT WILDLIFE
- BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS; AND,

WHEREAS, USING THE LEAVE NO TRACE GUIDING PRINCIPLES WILL ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL PEOPLE RESIDING IN AND VISITING THE VENTURA COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, OUR HOPE IS TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE ALL THOSE WHO VISIT VENTURA COUNTY TO LEAVE NO TRACE DURING THEIR NEXT VISIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM VENTURA COUNTY A LEAVE NO TRACE COUNTY TO FACILITATE THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE – CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND COMMIT THIS OBSERVANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF VENTURA COUNTY WHO WANT TO PROTECT AND STEWARD THE PUBLIC LANDS THEY CALL HOME.

PRESENTED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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