

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Save The Bay

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area’s quality of life and economy depend on a healthy San Francisco Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco Bay is a world-class treasure, a thriving estuary that supports bountiful fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Gold Rush, one-third of San Francisco Bay was diked off or filled in for development; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last century, there were plans to fill 60 percent of the remaining shallow Bay, leaving only a narrow channel; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1961, the public had access to less than six miles of shoreline, and the Bay was choked with raw sewage and industrial pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, Save The Bay was founded in 1961 and mobilized thousands of residents to save San Francisco Bay from destruction, including the creation of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay is now ringed with 250 miles of public access, and tens of thousands of acres of wetlands are being restored, rather than paved over for development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Save The Bay continues its work with innovative campaigns to improve Bay water quality, prevent Bay fill, and reestablish tidal marsh.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, **does hereby recognize the important work of Save The Bay and congratulates Save The Bay on 50 years of work to celebrate, protect and restore San Francisco Bay.**

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