

## **Dorothy Leonard Mission Trails Regional Park Founders Day**

Presented by Councilmember Jennifer Campbell and Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

March 23, 2024

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard currently served as the chair of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee, is a founding member of Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, and former member of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard served the City of San Diego as a founding member of Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation since its inception in 1988 until April 2023, tirelessly advocated for the preservation, development, and maintenance of the Mission Trails Regional Park to foster public appreciation and education about Mission Trails; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard played a pivotal role as President of the Navajo Community Planners in the acquisition of Cowles Mountain when an opportunity arose to purchase the land, which would later become the future cornerstone of Mission Trails Regional Park; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard was an active member of the Technical Advisory Committee responsible for creating the initial park development plan, thereby setting the wheels in motion and providing a clear direction for the park's future and its impact on the City of San Diego; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard served for 24 years as chair of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen Advisory Committee, an advisory group to the Mission Trails Task Force, offering essential community input and a representing the consensus of the interested community groups; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Leonard has consistently shown deep commitment to her community and unwavering advocacy for Mission Trails Regional Park, emphasizing its vital role in educating the youth and protecting the natural environment; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim March 23, 2024 to be "**Dorothy Leonard Mission Trails Regional Park Founders Day**" in the City of San Diego.