

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA IN SUPPORT OF THE SANTA BARBARA ZOO'S SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSITION 84 NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE DISCOVERY PAVILION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo preserves, conserves, and enhances the natural world and its living treasures through education, research, and recreation;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo holds education at the heart of its mission by providing private grade-appropriate lessons and multi-disciplinary, hands-on, and engaging experiences for more than 450,000 children and adults annually;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo has a record of successfully completing capital projects on-time and on-budget, including ones receiving public funding;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo recently completed the California Trails project, its largest and most ambitious exhibit complex, which celebrates the native wildlife unique to the Central Coast;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo plans to create the Discovery Pavilion as a direct complement to the successful California Trails exhibit, providing visitors and specialized audiences with interactive educational opportunities that integrate an understanding of the natural sciences with applied preservation and conservation concepts and practices;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Zoo has submitted an application for the Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities Program for the Discovery Pavilion to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, any funding received by the Santa Barbara Zoo from this application will benefit the residents of the City of Santa Barbara by encouraging nature education and increasing their understanding of the Central Coast's unique resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Santa Barbara hereby supports the Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities Program application submitted by the Santa Barbara Zoo for the Discovery Pavilion at the Santa Barbara Zoo.