



# Resolution

## California State Parks California State Park Ranger 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2014-2016



Whereas, on June 30, 1864 - President Lincoln signed a bill granting Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees to the State of California "upon the express condition that the premises shall be held for public use, resort, and recreation, and shall be inalienable for all time."

And whereas, on September 28, 1864 - California Governor Frederick Low issued an interim proclamation of the state's approval of the Federal grant of Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove;

And whereas, on April 2, 1866 - the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation to formally accept the Grant of Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove. The legislation also established the "Commissioners to Manage the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove", the first laws to protect this park area and the authority to hire a guardian (ranger) to management the new park;

And whereas, on May 21, 1866 - At the first meeting of the California State "Commissioners to Manage the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove", Galen Clark (one of the Commissioners) was appointed Guardian of Yosemite at \$500 per year. Not recognized until much later, Clark had become California's and the nation's first park ranger;

And whereas, in 1890 the Marshall Monument was established as the first historical state park and in 1891 Ezra Smith was appointed guardian (ranger) of the monument;

And whereas, in 1902 the California Redwood Park at Big Basin was established and in 1903 the first park warden J.H.B. Pilkington was appointed.

And whereas, since these first parks, California State Parks has grown to be the largest state park system in the United States with 278 park units and visitor use of over 75 million people.

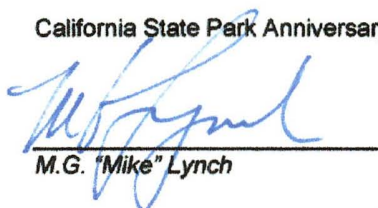
Therefore be it resolved, that the California State Park Anniversary Committee (CSPAC) does hereby recognize the year 2014 as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of California State Parks, and;

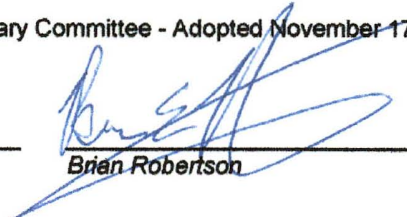
Be it further resolved, that CSPAC does hereby recognize the year 2016 as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of California State Park Rangers, and;

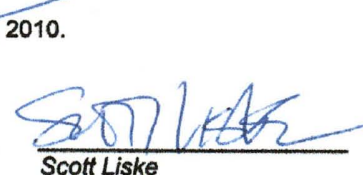
Be if further resolved, that CSPAC does hereby recommend a two-year 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sesquicentennial Jubilee period for these two anniversaries from 2014 to 2016, and;

Be it further resolved, that CSPAC encourages all related agencies, groups, associations and persons to recognize and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of California State Parks and California State Park Rangers by any and all efforts to highlight the history, significance, contributions and achievements that California State Parks, California State Park Rangers and all state park personnel have made to the people of California and the nation.

California State Park Anniversary Committee - Adopted November 17, 2010.

  
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