

PROCLAMATION

Maricopa County Parks and Trails Month December 2016

WHEREAS, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (Board) established a County regional park system in 1954 to meet the recreational needs of a rapidly expanding metropolitan region and conserve a part of the County's natural heritage for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County's regional park system has grown to become one of the largest regional park systems in the nation, with more than 120,000 acres of park land and 516 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to conserving the unique characteristics of the County's natural heritage while providing visitors and local resident's quality recreational services, facilities, trails, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to recognize the work of several dedicated champions of Maricopa County's regional park and trail system.

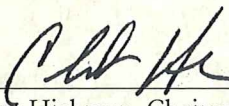
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE BOARD:

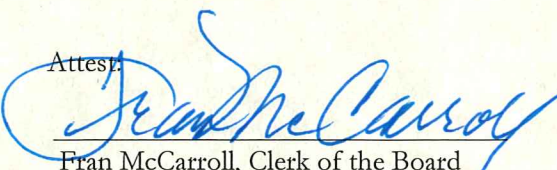
1. Applauds and values the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, and Maricopa County Supervisor Andy Kunasek, District 3, for their vision and proactive approach towards expanding the County's regional park system and the near completion of the 310-mile Maricopa Trail.
2. Encourages the Commission to continue partnering with private and non-profit agencies to increase service offerings in the parks.
3. Acknowledges the Commission's recommendations towards maintaining and enhancing a quality regional park and trail system.
4. Recognizes Supervisor Andy Kunasek for his commitment to ensure that the Maricopa Trail was constructed thus providing users a gateway to metropolitan areas, municipal trails, communities, and neighborhoods with multi-modal corridors.

The Board therefore proclaims December 2016 as Maricopa County Parks and Trails month in honor of Supervisor Andy Kunasek's efforts to protect Maricopa County's natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy.

ADOPTED by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 14th day of December 2016.




Clint Hickman, Chairman of the Board

Attest:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board