

RESOLUTION NO. 94-129

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OFFICIALLY DECLARING DRAKES BAY AS THE
CALIFORNIA LANDING PLACE OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

WHEREAS, during his circumnavigation of the globe, Sir Francis Drake is known to have spent five weeks in the year 1579 in what is now called California; and

WHEREAS, scholarly studies over 100 years ago concluded that Drake's landing place was the bay just east of Point Reyes, with the result that this bay is designated as Drakes Bay on all official maps published by both the State of California and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; and

WHEREAS, eminent historians of the Twentieth Century led by America's foremost maritime historian Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison have determined, after careful study of possible alternatives, that only Drakes Bay fits the descriptions recorded by Drake and those traveling with him; and

WHEREAS, there is universal agreement that Drake's landing place was within the boundaries of what is now Marin County; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors is the elected governing board of this county, which includes all alternative Drake landing places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby determine and declare that Drakes Bay, adjacent to Point Reyes, is the site of the landing of Sir Francis Drake in the year 1579.

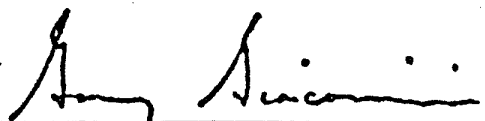
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby requests the United States National Park Service to authorize a plaque to be placed at a suitable location on the shores of Drakes Bay declaring it to be the Drake landing site.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 14th day of June, 1994, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Annette Rose, Harold Brown, Brady Bevis, Gary Giacomini


NOES:

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR Bob Roumiguere



CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



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