

**SAVE OUR STATE PARKS CAMPAIGN**  
**Sample Resolution for Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**

WHEREAS, The California state park system is home to 278 state parks, beaches, historic parks, recreation areas, and other park units;

WHEREAS, Annually, over 77 million visitors take advantage of the myriad low-cost opportunities for recreation, education, fitness and other outdoor pursuits in state parks;

WHEREAS, California's economy is dependant on travel and tourism revenues, a large portion of which are derived from visitation to the state's unmatched state park system;

WHEREAS, State parks are an important economic engine to the local communities in which they are located and studies have shown that every \$1 invested in the state park system returns \$2.35 to the state's General Fund, largely in the form of economic activity in local economies;

WHEREAS, The Governor's 2008-09 State Budget proposes an unprecedented closing of 48 state parks and drastic lifeguard reductions on 16 popular state beaches;

WHEREAS, Such a proposal creates considerable harm for local governments that rely on tourism from state parks for their community's livelihood and community identity;

WHEREAS, Closing 48 state parks and decreasing lifeguard staffing on 16 state beaches will reduce revenues for local businesses and will result in overall losses in local fees and taxes, thereby eroding financial savings envisioned by the closures;

**(INSERT ADDITIONAL "WHEREAS" WITH PARTICULAR INFORMATION ON PARK CLOSURE'S ECONOMIC IMPACT TO COMMUNITY)**

WHEREAS, Closure of these state parks will jeopardize Californians' access to treasures that were specifically set aside to be experienced by the public;

WHEREAS, Lifeguard staffing reductions will endanger public health and safety on California's state beaches;

WHEREAS, The funding required to keep state parks open and restore lifeguards on state beaches represents a mere fraction (0.06 percent) of the entire budget proposed by the Governor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the (INSERT CHAMBER NAME) hereby supports the Save Our State Parks Campaign and urges the Legislature to reject Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to close 48 state parks and drastically reduce lifeguard staffing on 16 state beaches, to uphold the public's trust in protecting and preserving public access to the treasures in the state park system, and to identify

funding to enable all 278 state parks to remain open for the public's access and enjoyment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the (INSERT LOCAL GOVERNMENT) does hereby adopt this resolution this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008. Copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Save Our State Parks Campaign, the Governor, and the state Legislature.