

# Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission

## Proposed Resolution

### Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program

**WHEREAS**, the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program was established in 1971 by legislation coauthored by two state legislators—off-road enthusiast Gene Chappie and environmental supporter Ed Z'berg; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 2342 “The Chappie-Z'berg Off-Highway Vehicle Act of 1971” was signed into law on December 22, 1971, by Governor Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chappie-Z'berg Law was founded on the principle that responsibly managed OHV use was better for the environment than unmanaged activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of the OHMVR Division, established in 1982, is to provide leadership statewide in the area of off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation; to acquire, develop, and operate state-owned vehicular recreation areas; and to otherwise provide for a statewide system of managed OHV recreational opportunities through funding to other public agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the OHMVR Division works to ensure that quality OHV recreational opportunities remain available for future generations by providing for education, conservation, safe use, and enforcement efforts that balance OHV recreation impacts with programs that conserve and protect cultural and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the OHMVR Grants and Cooperative Agreements program has provided millions of dollars in financial assistance for well-managed OHV recreation in the State of California through grants to cities, counties, districts, federal and state agencies, educational institutions, federally or state recognized Native American Tribes, Certified Community Conservation Corps, and nonprofit entities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California OHMVR Commission recognizes 2021 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the California OHMVR Program, and encourage all related agencies, groups, associations, and persons to recognize and commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by any and all efforts to highlight and honor the history, significance, contributions, and achievements that went into the development of the OHMVR program and its contributions to the people of California and the nation.