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**RESOLUTION BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS  
COMMISSION RECOGNIZING PETER DOUGLAS,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION,  
FOR HIS DECADES OF DEDICATION TO THE  
CALIFORNIA COAST UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
STATE SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Peter Douglas has been and remains an avid protector of the lands along the California coast, including those lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, for more than four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Douglas played an instrumental role in the drafting and passage of Proposition 20 (the Coastal Initiative) in 1972 and the California Coastal Act of 1976 and is a recipient of numerous honors and awards for his work, including the 2009 Coastal Hero Award from former State of California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Douglas recently announced that he will be retiring from his position as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission in November, 2011, after more than a quarter of a century in that position; and

**WHEREAS**, the California coast, stretching over 1,100 miles, is a region blessed with an abundance of rich and diverse resources including its beautiful beaches, unique natural habitats, bustling ports, and world famous tourist attractions; it is truly a special place for its residents, visitors, businesses, and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, California's beaches, bays, and ocean are major attractions, helping to make the state the number one travel destination in the United States with hundreds of millions of domestic and international visitors who have public access to and along the majority of the California coast as well as public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone consistent with sound resource conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of property owners; and

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**WHEREAS**, the State Lands Commission manages all ungranted tide and submerged lands owned by the state and serves the people of California by providing stewardship of the lands, waterways, and resources entrusted to its care through economic development, protection, preservation, and restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, these “sovereign lands” are subject to the Public Trust Doctrine, a Common Law precept that requires that these lands be protected for the benefit of the statewide public for purposes and uses related to maritime commerce, navigation, fisheries and other water-dependent or water-oriented activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Lands Commission’s mission complements the mission of the California Coastal Commission, which is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance environmental and human-based resources of the California coast and ocean for environmentally sustainable and prudent use by current and future generations; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION** that it hereby thanks Peter Douglas for his decades of unwavering commitment and vision for the California coast, offers its heartfelt gratitude for his dedication to coastal protection and preservation of its Public Trust resources, and wishes him a long, satisfying and productive retirement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to Peter Douglas and all members of the California Coastal Commission.

Adopted by the California State Lands Commission on September 1, 2011.