

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

## Resolution of Recognition

### Angel Island State Park

**WHEREAS**, Beginning with its earliest inhabitants, the Coast Miwok, Angel Island was a seasonal hunting and gathering location for the local tribes, and a safe refuge and eventual supply stop for Spanish explorers like Juan Manuel de Ayala, one of the first to map the San Francisco Bay; and,

**WHEREAS**, Historical military resources on Angel Island are numerous, extraordinary, and span United States history from the Civil War through the Cold War; and,

**WHEREAS**, From 1910 to 1940 Angel Island Immigration Station on the northeast corner of the island was the place officials detained, inspected, and examined approximately one million Asian immigrants entering the US, leading to it sometimes being referred to as "The Ellis Island of the West"; and,

**WHEREAS**, After World War II Angel Island was abandoned and left to deteriorate; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 1954 a number of citizens' groups persuaded the California State Parks Commission to obtain Hospital Cove for a State Park, in 1958 more acreage was acquired by the State, and in December 1963, the entire island was turned over to California State Parks; and,

**WHEREAS**, In recent years Angel Island State Park completed the Immigration Station Barracks rehabilitation, phases one and two of the Hospital rehabilitation, installed eight cedar shake roofs on Camp Reynolds Officers Row buildings, installed new interpretive signage throughout the island, and installed a new roof on the Bachelor Officers' Quarters and current Visitors Center at Ayala Cove; and,

**WHEREAS**, Angel Island State Park continues to work collaboratively with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation and the Angel Island Conservancy in order to preserve, protect, and enhance the park for future users;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to Angel Island State Park for its continuing efforts to preserve and interpret the historic resources entrusted to its care; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to Angel Island State Park.

July 29, 2016

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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