

RESOLUTION

Whereas, James “Jim” Walker was born July 2, 1944, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from Princeton University and a doctorate in business from the Harvard Business School; and

Whereas, Walker served as an energy advisor in the Nixon and Ford Administrations; and

Whereas, Walker provided leadership to the California Energy Commission in its early days serving as executive director from 1978 to 1979 and as a commissioner from 1979 to 1982; and

Whereas, Walker was a visionary who spent decades pioneering wind development in California and on three continents; and

Whereas, as an Energy Commission commissioner, Walker helped bring the first commercial wind farms in the world to the Altamont, Tehachapi and San Geronio passes; and

Whereas, after leaving the commission, Walker continued advancing clean energy policy as vice president of MCR Geothermal, as a governmental affairs representative to Edison Mission Energy, and as vice chairman of EDF Renewable Energy; and

Whereas, Walker further advanced clean energy as director and co-founder of Nordic Windpower, a wind turbine manufacturer; co-founder of Princeton Development Corporation, an independent developer of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the U.S. and Europe; and a principal with Asociados PanAmericanos, a developer of community wind projects in Mexico; and

Whereas, Walker provided leadership to the U.S. wind industry as board president of the American Wind Energy Association from 2008 to 2009 and as the association’s Wind Industry Person of the Year in 2007; and

Whereas, in 2008, Walker founded the American Wind Wildlife Institute (now known as the Renewable Energy Wildlife Institute), which facilitates the responsible development of wind and solar energy while protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat; and

Whereas, in 2008, Walker co-founded and then served as Chairman of Pacific Environment, an environmental organization based in San Francisco, whose objective is to protect the living environment of countries around the Pacific Rim; and

Whereas, Jim is remembered by friends, family, and colleagues as a man of exceptional personal grace and good humor, as thoughtful and generous, as an inspirational leader for our times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Energy Commission recognizes and commends

James “Jim” Walker

For his outstanding contributions to a sustainable energy future.

David Hochschild, Chair

Siva Gunda, Vice Chair

J. Andrew McAllister, Ph.D., Commissioner

Patty Monahan, Commissioner

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