

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION URGING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RESIDENTS TO AVOID  
THE PURCHASE AND USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES

WHEREAS, researchers have been documenting the detrimental effects of anticoagulant rodenticides on wildlife for many years; and

WHEREAS, scientists have linked the use of rodenticides to the poisoning of at least twenty-five wildlife species in California, such as San Joaquin kit foxes, Pacific fishers, golden eagles, bobcats, mountain lions, black bears, Swainson's hawks, several species of owls, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Mountains are a biological hotspot containing many critical species affected by the use of anticoagulants; and

WHEREAS, rodenticides have already killed wildlife in the Santa Cruz Mountains, including a dead grey fox found in close proximity to a known cannabis cultivation site, which was sent to UC Davis for a necropsy with results testing positive for anticoagulant poisoning; and

WHEREAS, rodenticide use is prevalent and wide-spread among some cannabis cultivators; and

WHEREAS, when rodenticides are used to control rat populations, whether on a farm or at a residence, animals which predate on rats ingest them and are then infected themselves with the anticoagulant poison, and many scientists who study rodenticides assert that the use of rodenticides actually increase rat populations because natural rat predators die off; and

WHEREAS, safer, more effective, non-toxic solutions exist which don't harm wildlife and pets, such as proper sanitation (removing food sources, picking up litter, keeping dumpster lids tightly closed), exclusion (sealing holes in buildings), and snap traps and electronic traps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the residents of the County of Santa Cruz to avoid the purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

**AYES:            SUPERVISORS**  
**NOES:           SUPERVISORS**  
**ABSENT:        SUPERVISORS**

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**JOHN LEOPOLD, Chair**  
**Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

  
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County Counsel

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