

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution

WHEREAS, More that 13 percent of Mongolia's land is set aside in parks, nature reserves, and protected areas, and two written agreements have been signed in recognition of the Sister Park relationship between Anza Borrego Desert State Park™ and the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve in Dalanjargal Soum of Mongolia; and

WHEREAS, These agreements were a "Contract of Cooperation" signed in 2006 and a Phase II Cooperative Agreement signed in 2007, and both documents were signed by Dalanjargal Soum Governor D. Bold and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ Superintendent Mark Jorgensen; and

WHEREAS, This partnership is an agreement to cooperate to the mutual benefit of both Ikh Nartiin and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™; and

WHEREAS, ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK™:

- Provides expertise to increase natural resource conservation in Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve through cooperation of the Governor's Office of Dalanjargalan Soum and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ of the USA,
- Supports conservation efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources in Ikh Nart,
- Supports the Denver Zoo Foundation in its efforts to develop interpretive & educational materials for Ikh Nart,
- Supports coordinated efforts to provide donated equipment to Ikh Nart rangers and researchers,
- Serves as subject matter expert to assist in planning & establishing visitor service facilities & in training of staff,
- Facilitates exchange of information, education & interpretation of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ for a Mongolian delegation who may wish to visit the United States,
- Sends a volunteer delegation to Ikh Nart in 2008 to assist Nature Reserve staff & the Soum governor with equipment, boundary signage, ranger training, public outreach, & engendering the Sister Park partnership; and

WHEREAS, DALANJARLALAN SOUM invites a volunteer delegation from Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ to the Soum and will provide necessary transportation, communications, and working accommodations when the volunteer delegation from Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ visits; and

WHEREAS, DALANJARLALAN SOUM plans to provide training pertaining to customs such as simple traditions and building Mongolian "yurts" in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ and possibly other California State Parks, and plans to assist Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ in the acquisition of traditional Mongolian "yurts" as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, This agreement is non-binding, represents no-cost to the California State Park System, and represents the Department's efforts to share knowledge, experience and visionary park management practices with the people of Mongolia.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby recognizes the formal Sister Park relationship between the Department, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park™ and Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve in Dalanjargal Soum of the North Province of Mongolia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission supports California State Parks' continuing efforts to provide opportunities and programs such as the Sister Park resolution between Anza Borrego Desert State Park™ and the Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve which supports the understanding of the natural world and of best park management practices as essential to the protection and appreciation of our natural and cultural resources.

RESOLUTION 8-2008 · ADOPTED AND PRESENTED
TO CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS DIRECTOR RUTH COLEMAN
THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2008


CARYL O. HART · CHAIR

