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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