

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

### Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park

**WHEREAS**, in 1868, the residence known as the Bidwell Mansion was completed, having been designed by architect H.W. Cleaveland, on behalf of California pioneer John Bidwell, who lived in the mansion with his wife Annie Bidwell until John's death in 1900 and Annie's death in 1918; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1923 the property was acquired by Chico Normal School, later Chico State University, for use as dormitories, classrooms and offices, until 1964, when the property was transferred by the State of California and established as a State Historic Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment in 1964, the staff and volunteers of Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park have maintained the Mansion, including the recent restoration of the servants' quarters and historically appropriate interior paint colors on the first floor of the mansion, and also created interpretive programs to educate visitors to the Mansion, including school tours and programs serving thousands of students each year, and special events such as the annual Holiday Night Tours; and,

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with California State Parks, the Bidwell Mansion Association has, since its origins as the Bidwell Mansion Restoration Association in 1956, worked to preserve the mansion by restoring Mansion features and historic artifacts, researching and writing histories associated with the Mansion, and raising funds to provide support for interpretive programs, exhibits, and publications; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park and the Bidwell Mansion Association for their stewardship, restoration and interpretation of Chico's historic Bidwell Mansion; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and suitable copies presented to Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park and the Bidwell Mansion Association.

January 20, 2012

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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