

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

Resolution of Commendation

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA

WHEREAS, Milford Wayne Donaldson served with distinction as California's State Historic Preservation Officer for over eight years from April 2004 to September 2012; and

WHEREAS, Donaldson received his Bachelor's Degree of Architecture degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; his Master of Science Degree in Architecture from University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland; received his Master of Arts Degree in Public History and Teaching from the University of San Diego; studied in Uppsala, Sweden; and in 1978 established a highly successful award winning architectural practice which specialized in Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, as California's Historic Preservation Officer, Donaldson streamlined the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, led the national initiative toward the sustainability and greening of historic resources, initiated the Office of Historic Preservation's newsletter *Preservation Matters*, reconstituted California's Main Street Program, promoted *Preserve America* communities, and built a more inclusive preservation program reflective of California's diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, Donaldson worked tirelessly to preserve California's and the nation's cultural resources such as Mission San Miguel, Trestles and San Onofre surf sites, Hangar One, Fresno's Fulton Mall, Balboa Park, NASA's Space Orbiters, objects remaining at the Apollo 11 Moon Landing Site, and Cold War Era cultural resources, all of which highlights his focus on preserving the broadest possible range of historical resources; and

WHEREAS, Donaldson vastly improved relations between California Indians and the Office of Historic Preservation, notably by facilitating the 2011 Tribal Summit on Renewable Energy in promoting the concept of Traditional Cultural Landscapes attended by tribes from all regions of the United States, hosting Summits with the California Tribal Historic Preservation Officers; and

WHEREAS, Donaldson was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in 2010 by President Barack Obama, bringing great prestige to the State of California, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Historic Preservation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official commendation and profound thanks on behalf of the State of California, the State Historical resources Commission, together with personal expressions of deep appreciation by State Historic Preservation Officer Carol Roland-Nawi and the staff of the California Office of Historic Preservation, are extended to Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA for his three decades of service to the State, the Nation, and the cause of historic preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the archives of the State Office of Historic Preservation and a suitable copy presented to Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA.

August 2, 2013

Julianne Polanco
Chairperson

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary

