WHEREAS, the units of the State Park System are classified by the State Park and Recreation Commission into categories specified in California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5019.50; and

WHEREAS, one of these classifications is “Cultural Preserve,” which (per PRC 5019.74) consists of distinct non-marine areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of a state park unit to preserve special features that represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California and where complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought; and

WHEREAS, the Año Nuevo State Park General Plan has proposed that a 225-acre Cultural Preserve be established in Quiroste Valley along the western edge of the Santa Cruz Mountains within Año Nuevo State Park, to protect the archaeological remains of a prehistoric Ohlone Native American village site, associated landscape, and resources; and with regard to this site’s significance to the Portola Expedition of 1769 which camped there days prior to discovering San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Department will consult and pursue partnerships with the local native California Indian representatives to establish resource management practices and interpretation of native California Indian history, lifeways, and the protection of significant cultural sites and features located in the Quiroste Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed a Cultural Preserve be established within the inland portion of the Año Nuevo State Park, and recommends that it be named Quiroste Valley Cultural Preserve to provide for the recognition and protection of its outstanding cultural resources, ancient heritage, and cultural identity of this site;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 5019.74 of the Public Resources Code, and after proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby classifies the above identified portion of Año Nuevo State Park as a Cultural Preserve with the name Quiroste Valley Cultural Preserve and as delineated in the Año Nuevo State Park General Plan.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on October 31, 2008 at the Commission’s duly-noticed public meeting at Pescadero, California.

By: ____________________________ Date: ________________
Louis Nastro, Assistant to the Commission
For Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission