RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION No. 14-68

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE
MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE LOCATED AT 170
MIDDLE ROAD, MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA,
ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NO. 009-170-028,
MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A
COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK AND IS
WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER
18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE;
AND DESIGNATION OF THE MOODY SISTERS
COTTAGE AS COUNTY LANDMARK #50
PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND
PRESERVE IT

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has considered
the historical significance of a certain portion of the property located at 170 Middle
Road, Montecito, California, (hereinafter “MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE”) on
Assessor’s Parcel No. 009-170-028 and as shown on the map and legal description
attached hereto as Exhibit A, in accordance with the requirements, standards and
criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and has determined that it is worthy
of protection as a County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors finds that the
MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE is historically significant because:

1. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the County’s cultural,
aesthetic, and architectural history. The cottage is an example in Santa
Barbara County of the storybook style of architecture. This style, based on
illustrations of fairy tales and popularized in the 1930’s, consists of
charming, whimsical, one-of-a-kind structures which defy standard
architectural conventions to achieve something entirely new: a unique
blend of art and architecture, whimsy and practicality, fantasy and reality.

The storybook cottages designed by Harriet Moody and her sisters are
unique to Santa Barbara County. An example of their contribution to the
County’s architectural history should be a landmark for the edification of
future generations.

2. It is representative of the work of a notable designer or architect, Santa
Barbara designer Harriet Moody, assisted by her sisters Brenda, Wilma and

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Mildred, who designed and oversaw the construction of the Moody Sisters Cottage in 1941; and

3. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation by being an example of the unique style of the Moody sisters, expressed through the playful and imaginative use of unique and decorative architectural details; and

4. It is one of the few remaining examples in the county, region, state or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen, as it is one of only a handful of structures designed by the Moody sisters surviving in the County of Santa Barbara.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED as follows:

1. The MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE meets the eligibility requirements for a County Historic Landmark as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-3, and is worthy of protection.

2. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE as a Historic Landmark, subject to the following conditions:

   a. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and express consent in writing is first had and obtained from the Commission. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Commission to accomplish the purposes of County Code, Chapter 18A.

   b. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, no alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair) shall be made unless and until an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and all plans for such work have first been reviewed by the Commission and approved or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that all such work shall be done under the direction and control of the Commission or other qualified persons designated by it.

   c. The foregoing conditions shall not be imposed in such a way as to infringe upon the right of the owners of the MOODY SISTERS
COTTAGE to make any and all reasonable uses of the property that are not in conflict with the purposes of County Code Chapter 18A.

d. The interior of the MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE, as shown on Exhibit A, is not subject to the foregoing conditions of paragraphs 2.a. and 2.b.

e. The structure may be relocated intact from its current site to one selected by the property owner, upon receipt of the approval by the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at Santa Barbara, California, this 4th day of March, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam & Lavagnino

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

STEVE LAVIGNINO
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MONA MIYASATO  MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  County Counsel

By  By
Deputy Clerk  Deputy County Counsel
I hereby APPROVE AND CONSENT to designation of the MOODY SISTERS COTTAGE located at 170 Middle Road, Montecito, California as a County of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18A.

Date: Feb 5, 2014

By:

Mr. and Mrs. David Posnick, Owners