

RESOLUTION OF MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET REMOVE FROM PUBLIC AUCTION THE NOAA BUILDING
LOCATED AT 1352 LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) advises MBNMS's Superintendent and staff as well as the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on matters pertaining to and having an effect upon MBNMS, its operation and its resources, and

WHEREAS, US Representative Jimmy Panetta, the City of Pacific Grove, the California Coastal Commission, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Monterey Bay Crescent Ocean Research Consortium, among others, along with members of the public, have expressed concerns about the process that has led to the pending public auction by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the NOAA building located at 1352 Lighthouse Avenue in the City of Pacific Grove, and

WHEREAS, the auction is occurring without sufficient community outreach sufficient to inform potential bidders well suited to meet the requirements for the unique physical attributes of the site of the opportunity to make a proposal for its use, and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of information provided by General Services Administration, which is conducting the public outreach and bid process, the potential bidders most likely may not be aware of the zoning requirements of the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) approved Local Coastal Plan (LCP) for the area, and

WHEREAS, given its unique location along the coast at Point Pinos on the Monterey Peninsula, the building would be an ideal candidate for coastal and or ocean-dependent activities that could substantially further the knowledge through research of, education or awareness about, or protection of MBNMS, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that MBNMS' SAC hereby urges the OMB to cancel the auction of the NOAA building located at 1352 Lighthouse Avenue in the City of Pacific Grove, and instead consider transferring the property to a recipient with community support that can meet the requirements required by the area's approved LCP, preferably with the ability to utilize the building to support the resource protection, research and education and awareness mission of MBNMS.