



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 22, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma, State of California, Recognizing and Honoring Sheila Quince

2025 Sonoma County Fair Guidebook Dedication Recipient

Whereas, Sheila Quince has been a force on Sonoma County's farm and fair fronts for more than 40 years, channeling her can-do spirit to advocate for agriculture, farm youth and education; and

Whereas, Sheila's exuberance and positive energy have become the hallmarks of her long career at the Sonoma County Fair and as a dedicated volunteer in the agricultural community. Sheila is on everyone's A list to get the job done and done right; and

Whereas, as the exhibits coordinator for the Sonoma County Fair for more than 30 years, Sheila seamlessly managed a multitude of details that showcased the county's agricultural bounty. In overseeing the exhibits programs for the Sonoma County Fair and the Harvest Fair, Sheila was responsible for annually processing and showcasing more than 25,000 entries, everything from wine to poultry and cows to fine art; and

Whereas, under her direction the fair's Junior Livestock Auction became one of the most successful in California. One of Sheila's proudest moments came in 2007 when the Fair's junior livestock auctions topped more than \$1 million for the first time; and

Whereas, while growing up in Santa Rosa, Sheila was a member of the Santa Rosa FFA Chapter, raising registered Angus cattle to show at the Sonoma County Fair and other regional

fairs. She was on the Santa Rosa FFA's championship poultry judging team. These experiences nurtured a sense of passion and purpose that would guide Sheila on her agricultural path; and

Whereas, Sheila attended Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from California State University at Fresno with a degree in Animal Science; and

Whereas, after college Sheila returned to Santa Rosa. It was at the urging of J. Wesley Jamison, the legendary agriculture instructor and Sonoma County Fair official, that Sheila talked to Saralee McClelland Kunde about career opportunities at the fair. Saralee, who was then the Premium and Exhibits supervisor, hired Sheila on the spot in 1982, launching a career that would span 30 years. Sheila was mentored by Saralee for five years and eventually took over the position; and

Whereas, although she officially retired in 2012, Sheila has not left the fair, helping with Farmers Day and other events. She continues to play an instrumental role at the Harvest Fair, coordinating the professional food and wine competitions and managing the professional wine competition; and

Whereas, in recognition of her many contributions, the Sonoma County Fair takes great pride in dedicating the 2025 Sonoma County Fair Guidebook to Sheila Quince, a genuine fair champion; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Sheila Quince as the Sonoma County Fair 2025 Guidebook Dedication Recipient.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.