



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: October 22, 2024

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### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,**

#### **Honors and Congratulates Riggs Lokka as Sonoma County Harvest Fair**

#### **2024 Outstanding Young Person in Agribusiness Award Recipient**

**Whereas**, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair, created in 1975, is a signature nationally and locally recognized event showcasing the extraordinary wine, food and agriculture in Sonoma County bringing people to the region to celebrate the harvest season; and

**Whereas**, annually the Sonoma County Harvest Fair honors outstanding members of the Sonoma County agricultural community to be recognized for their contributions to the preservation and enhancement of farming in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas**, Riggs Lokka, was born and raised in Sonoma County wine industry—from going to work with his dad at Sonoma-Cutrer to accompanying his mom to Glen Ellen Winery; and

**Whereas**, after completing high school Lokka attended Santa Rosa Junior College, earning an Associate Degree in Animal Science and Vineyard Management, followed by a degree from Fresno State University; and

**Whereas**, in 2013 Lokka returned to Sonoma County to teach animal science and viticulture at Santa Rosa High School, moving to Stockton to teach agriculture mechanics; and

**Whereas**, following seven years of teaching Lokka transitioned to his final career joining the Emeritus Vineyards crew full time, becoming the assistant vineyard manager; and

**Whereas,** Emeritus Vineyards dry farms over 140 acres, forming the largest dry-farmed Pinot Noir estate in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas,** Lokka can be found either out in the vineyards or popping into the tasting room to provide a laugh.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Riggs Lokka, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair's 2024 Outstanding Young Person in Agribusiness Award recipient.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**