



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 8, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Honoring and Congratulating The Tresch Family
Sonoma County Farm Bureau's 2025 Luther Burbank Conservation Award recipient**

Whereas, Sonoma County Farm Bureau was established in 1917 with the mission of uniting voices to protect agriculture in Sonoma County for future generations; and

Whereas, the annual Sonoma County Farm Bureau Love of the Land is a mid-summer celebration honoring agricultural award winners who are leading the way to preserve Sonoma County's rich farming heritage; and

Whereas, the Tresch family of Petaluma takes the pursuit of excellence very seriously in the care and management of their 2,600 acres of pristine grazing land. It's part of the family's Old-World philosophy that if you take care of the land, it will take care of you and the cows that graze upon it; and

Whereas, environmental stewardship is at the heart of the 120 years – and six generations – they have farmed the Petaluma ranch. The original 320-acre home ranch has been expanded to 2,600 acres of contiguous pastureland using profits from milk to acquire neighboring ranches that became available.; and

Whereas, the ranch was settled in 1905 by Joe Tresch's great grandparents. Joe and his wife Kathy and their grown children Lindsay and twins Joey and Lydia work together to run the organic dairy and the family's other agricultural enterprises; and

Whereas, the Tresch Dairy was the second dairy in California to earn organic certification for its cows in 1996. Prior to certification the dairy adhered to the farming practices of their ancestors in Switzerland, tread lightly on the land. They work to build the soil's tilth and fertility with their recycled cow manure, maintaining a closed system of reuse and rejuvenation on their pastures without the use of pesticides and herbicides; and

Whereas, they aim to diligently preserve and enhance waterways on the property to stabilize stream banks while providing habitat for fish and wildlife. In 2023 they partnered with the Sonoma Resource Conservation and Carbon Cycle Institute to further implement greater regenerative practices; and

Whereas, heritage is important to Tresch's who honor the legacy of those who have become before them on the ranch while sustainably positioning the business to carry on to the next generation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate the Tresch Family Dairy, the Sonoma County Farm Bureau's 2025 Luther Burbank Conservation Award recipient.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.