



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: March 26, 2024

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Honoring Winemaker Edward Lee “Mac” McDonald for his Catalytic Role in Bringing African  
Americans into Sonoma’s Wine Industry**

**Whereas**, winemaker, teacher and evangelist Edward Lee “Mac” McDonald has been the catalyst in Sonoma County encouraging African Americans to claim their leadership roles in the wine industry as winemakers, owners, growers, and champions; and

**Whereas**, “Mac” established his own winery, Vision Cellars, with his wife Lil, in 1995 in Windsor; and

**Whereas**, he co-founded the Association of African American Vintners with Black winemakers Vance Sharp and Ernie Bates in 2002, which now has over 200 members; and

**Whereas**, “Mac” will be honored by the Sonoma County Library Wine Library, Sonoma County Wine Library Association and the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation at the inauguration event of *Tasting Diversity: Insights from Black Pioneers in the Wine World*, at Fog Crest Vineyard in Sebastopol; and

**Whereas**, Mac will become the subject of his own Visual Oral History, to become part of the collection at the Sonoma County Wine Library’s collection.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, hereby recognize and honor Edward Lee “Mac” McDonald as the Patriarch of African American leadership in the wine industry in Sonoma County and beyond.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:            Coursey:            Gore:            Hopkins:            Rabbitt:

Ayes:            Noes:            Absent:            Abstain:

**So Ordered.**