



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 14, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

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

Honors and Congratulates Emily Lokka as Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2025 Outstanding Leader in Agricultural Education 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, Emily Lokka grew up in Eagle Point, Oregon on a sheep and grass hay farm, showing large animal livestock competitively. Her family has a long history of ranching, farming and supporting ag education which helped shape her future career; and

Whereas, after graduating high school as a valedictorian, Emily Lokka attended Linn-Benton Community College in Oregon and was recruited to complete her studies at California State University, Chico earning a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Education; and

Whereas, while attending CSU Chico, Emily Lokka worked in the meats laboratory, lived at the university farm and was a member of the senior college intercollegiate livestock judging team; and

Whereas, upon graduation, Emily Lokka took a job working in grower relations in the vegetable industry in the Central Valley and there, she met husband, Riggs Lokka, a Sonoma County native; and

Whereas, Emily Lokka accepted an ag teaching position at El Molino High School and when El Molino merged with Analy High School in 2021, Emily Lokka worked to establish a new Sebastopol-Analy Ag Program, strengthen agricultural pathway classes and facilities and enhance the program's impact on the community; and

Whereas, Emily Lokka is committed to coaching students through competitions, and she prides herself in her ability to tailor her coaching style to each individual student, guiding them to reach their maximum potential; and

Whereas, outside of teaching, Emily continues her dedication to agriculture business through Top of the Hill Show Stock, a club lamb and goat business co-owned and operated with her husband, Riggs. The couple are also partners in Emeritus Vineyards, where Riggs is the Vineyard Manager.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Emily Lokka, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair's 2025 Outstanding Leader in Agricultural Education Award recipient and thanks her for her ongoing contributions to the preservation and enhancement of farming in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.