



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 19, 2026

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Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Recognizing Sonoma County Women Farmers In Celebration Of The 2026 International Year Of The Woman Farmer, With Special Recognition Of Sonya Perrotti And Sarah Keiser

Whereas, the United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer, recognizing the vital role women play in agriculture, food systems, land stewardship, and rural economies around the world; and

Whereas, women farmers have long been central to Sonoma County's agricultural identity, contributing to the local food system through their labor, leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, and care for the land; and

Whereas, Sonoma County's women farmers help sustain family farms, strengthen local food networks, support climate-resilient and ecologically responsible practices, and preserve the agricultural traditions that are deeply rooted in the County's history and future; and

Whereas, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, known as CAFF, works throughout California to support family-scale farmers, build sustainable and equitable food systems, and advance policies and programs that strengthen local agriculture and farm communities; and

Whereas, CAFF has long recognized the leadership of women within agriculture, including women farmers, farmworkers, staff, board members, committee members, food artisans, and community partners who help shape a more resilient and just food system; and

Whereas, on Sunday, May 31, 2026, CAFF will host Howl & Harvest at Coyote Family Farm in Penngrove, an intimate farm-to-table gathering benefiting CAFF's programs and celebrating the International Year of the Woman Farmer; and

Whereas, Howl & Harvest will bring together farmers, supporters, and community members for a farm tour, seasonal dinner sourced locally from women farmers and food artisans, local wine and beer, and live music in celebration of Sonoma County agriculture; and

Whereas, Sonya Perrotti, owner and operator of Coyote Family Farm, represents the dedication, skill, and stewardship of women farmers who grow food, care for the land, and contribute to the vitality of Sonoma County’s local food system; and

Whereas, Sarah Keiser of Wild Oat Hollow and Board Co-Chair of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers represents the leadership of women working to strengthen California’s family farms, support ecological stewardship, and build lasting connections between farmers, land, and community; and

Whereas, Sonoma County’s women farmers continue to lead with resilience, creativity, and deep commitment to feeding communities, protecting natural resources, mentoring future generations, and sustaining the County’s agricultural heritage; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors wishes to honor Sonoma County women farmers and recognize the important contributions of Sonya Perrotti, Sarah Keiser, CAFF, and all those working to support family farmers and local food systems throughout Sonoma County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby recognizes Sonoma County women farmers in celebration of the 2026 International Year of the Woman Farmer.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board gives special recognition to Sonya Perrotti of Coyote Family Farm and Sarah Keiser of Wild Oat Hollow and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers for their leadership, stewardship, and contributions to Sonoma County agriculture and the local food system.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.