



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 30, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

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

Recognizes Mike Griffin as the California Climate Action and Agriculture Network

2024 Technical Assistance Professional

Whereas, at the 8th California Climate and Agriculture Summit, Climate Leadership Awards honored individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their fields to accelerate a transition to a healthy, just and climate-resilient farming system, and who have demonstrated the ability to collaborate across disciplines and approach their work holistically; and

Whereas, the California Climate Action and Agriculture Network also known as Cal CAN recognizes Mike Griffin as Technical Assistance Professional for the 2024 Climate Leadership Awards; and

Whereas, Mike Griffin, spent most of his career working for Clover Sonoma and Organic Valley, supporting family dairy producers to remain economically viable and environmentally sustainable; and

Whereas, Mike worked for Organic Valley for 10 years and prior to that he was at Clover Sonoma for 30 years, starting as a truck driver, becoming their first field man when they started a producer pool, and later becoming their first organic field representative; and

Whereas, Mike has established a reputation as being an encyclopedic knowledge of every dairy farm and farm family up and down the north coast of California; and

Whereas, Mike has organized “pasture club” gatherings to bring producers together to learn about the latest innovations and grapple with shared challenges of production agriculture; and

Whereas, Mike Griffin is a champion for the Alternative Manure Management Program which funds dairy farms to install methane reducing equipment, the first of its kind in the country facilitated by California Department of Food and Agriculture this program was launched in 2017 to give grants to reduce methane emissions by managing manure sustainably; and

Whereas, Mike continues to advocate and educate the community, policy makers and agency staff on the benefits of programs that support dairy. His unique ability to communicate with all members of the supply chain is invaluable and is something that makes him an innovator of agriculture, climate initiatives and the dairy industry.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mike Griffin as the Technical Assistance Professional for the California Climate Action and Agriculture Network, Climate Leadership Awards for 2024.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.