



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 1, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma, State of California,
Recognizing and Honoring Cindy Crane**

2025 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Dedication Recipient

Whereas, Cindy Crane has been recognized as the 2025 Flower Show Dedication Recipient; and

Whereas, at certain times of year, everyone knows where to find Cindy. The historic Crane Melon Barn on Petaluma Hill Road selling the namesake melon every September and October; and

Whereas, the Crane family arrived in Sonoma County in 1852. At the turn of the century, Rick Crane's great grandfather, Oliver Crane, began crossing several types of heirloom melons. Using the unique terroir, temperate climate & clay soil found on the Crane property, he created the Crane Melon. He started selling them at the Crane Melon barn in the 1920's; and

Whereas, the family only sells the Crane Melons at the barn. The melons are picked ripe daily in the morning and sold fresh from the landmark barn, which was built in 1868; and

Whereas, the barn also serves as an event venue, for weddings and agricultural fundraisers, which the family has generously donated to ag organizations over the years, including the Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation, Elsie Allen Ag Boosters and Santa Rosa Jr College; and

Whereas, during the holiday's you will once again find Cindy in the barn hosting the famed Crane Christmas Boutique, where unique gifts, local food items, holiday décor and antiques are scouted out by locals; and

Whereas, outside the barn's busy season, Cindy is never out of reach for the ag community. Along with her husband, Rick, and daughter, Jennifer, Cindy is actively involved with Sonoma County's agriculture organizations; serving on boards, volunteering and attending local events.

Whereas, Cindy grew up in Petaluma, attending Petaluma High School and Santa Rosa Jr College before embarking on a 36-year career with Bank of America, retiring in 2008; and

Whereas, Cindy joined the Sonoma County Fair board of directors, where she served for 12 years, followed by 10 years on the Sonoma County Harvest Fair board of directors. She was made an honorary Sonoma County Fair board director in 2020; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Cindy Crane, the Sonoma County Fair 2025 Flower Show Dedication Recipient.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.