



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 Cort Munselle as

Sonoma County Harvest Fair 2025 Friend of Agriculture 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, Cort Munselle is a fifth generation Sonoma County's resident, growing up on the family farm in Alexander Valley; and

Whereas, Munselle has deep farming roots in Sonoma County. His mother's family, the Osborns (and later the Wassons), settled in the area around 1870, growing grapes and operating Alexander Valley's first winery. Later generations focused their efforts on cultivating the land with everything from prunes and dairy cattle to vegetables and now wine grapes; and

Whereas, Munselle graduated from Healdsburg High School, and in 2001, graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where he studied ag business and agricultural engineering; and

Whereas, Munsell, along with his wife Mia, returned to Sonoma County following graduation to intern at a local civil engineering firm where he achieved quick success working on agricultural projects, often related to vineyard design and permitting for vineyards; and

Whereas, in 2007, after managing entitlement projects for a home builder – a career change fortuitously thwarted by the collapse of the housing market - Cort Munselle opened Munselle Civil Engineering; and

Whereas, Munselle has served as a valuable resource to the local ag community, volunteering on technical advisory committees and helping to interpret and negotiate ag regulations; and

Whereas, Munselle has volunteered his service on boards and committees with the Sonoma County Ag Commissioner's office, Permit Sonoma, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Munselle, has supported compliance work with North Coast Water Coalition and developed and implemented frost regulations for the Russian River Tributary as well as advising on farm plans for the California Land Stewardship Institute; and

Whereas, in his free time, Munselle and his family raise cattle, farm nine acres of Cabernet Sauvignon in Cloverdale, is active in 4H and serves as a volunteer Healdsburg Fair Board member.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Cort Munselle, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair's 2025 Friend of Agriculture Award recipient and thanks him for his ongoing contributions to the preservation and enhancement of farming in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:	Rabbitt:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.