



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 8, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

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

Honoring and Congratulating Tim Tesconi

As Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce 2025 Leadership in Agriculture Awardee

Whereas, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce was established in 1906 with the mission of supporting, promoting, and advocating to create a vibrant, sustainable economy for all in our region; and

Whereas, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce partners with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau to present their annual leadership in Agriculture Award during the annual Love of the Land event; and

Whereas, the annual Sonoma County Farm Bureau Love of the Land is a mid-summer celebration honoring agricultural award winners who are leading the way to preserve Sonoma County's rich farming heritage; and

Whereas, Tim Tesconi a third generation Sonoma County resident, having deep roots in agriculture and the community where his family has called home for more than a century; and

Whereas, Tesconi holds an agriculture degree from California State University, Chico, and post-graduate work in agriculture journalism from the University of Missouri, Columbia; and

Whereas, Tesconi spent 35 years covering agriculture, fairs and farm youth as the Press Democrat's farm editor; and

Whereas, In 2006, Tesconi transitioned to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau to write and edit the Sonoma-Marin Farm News which he continues to contribute to as a guest writer; and

Whereas, Tesconi served as the executive director of the Farm Bureau for three years, retiring in 2015; and

Whereas, Tesconi serves on the boards of several agricultural and community organizations including: the Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa Junior College Ag Alliance, the Santa Rosa High School Ag Advisory Committee, past director of the Sonoma County Farm Trails and serves as a trustee on the Richard and Saralee McClelland Kunde Endowment that provides grants to support agriculture, fairs, 4-H and FFA; and

Whereas, Tim Tesconi has spent the last 50 years chronicling agriculture's changing but enduring role in Sonoma County's economy and way-of-life.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Tim Tesconi as the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce 2025 Leadership in Agriculture Awardee.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.