



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 14, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Congratulating Bret Munselle on Receiving the 2022 Viticulture Award of Excellence

Whereas, Bret Munselle is a Sonoma County native and fifth-generation grape grower in Sonoma County and farms approximately 740 acres in Alexander Valley at his family business, Munselle Vineyards. His family started farming Alexander Valley where Bret was born and raised, where he still resides; and

Whereas, Bret has built and grown the family business and advanced sustainability practices, with 100% sustainable certification across all the vineyards he farms; and

Whereas, Bret and his wife Kristen have four daughters who are the sixth generation to grow up on their family's ranch; and

Whereas, Bret and Kristen also make small lots of Munselle Wines and welcome visitors from near and far to share in their love of Sonoma County wines at their ranch in Alexander Valley; and

Whereas, Bret's passion for farming is part of his very essence and being. His love for the land and his family are the foundation for his sustainable business practices; and

Whereas, Bret has served on the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission's Board from 2014 to 2022. He is a Past President of Alexander Valley Winegrowers, board member of Russian River Property Owners and was awarded Outstanding Young Farmer in 2010; and

Whereas, Bret is one of the most forward thinkers in farming for today and the future. He is a supporter of his community and has earned the respect and admiration for his fellow farmers; and

Whereas, Bret's love for his family, joy in farming, brilliant mind and humble personality reflect the best characteristics of the Sonoma County farming community. His dedication, commitment, and

integrity in protecting Sonoma County farming for today and the future have earned him the 2022 Viticulture Award of Excellence; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California congratulates Bret Munselle on receiving the 2022 Viticulture Award of Excellence.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Hopkins: Gore:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.