County of Sonoma
State of California

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Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Congratulating Norm Yenni Upon Receiving The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber's Leadership In Agriculture Award

Whereas, Norm Yenni, a lifelong farmer, agricultural advocate, and community leader, has been selected as the recipient of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber's Leadership in Agriculture Award in recognition of his decades of service to Sonoma County agriculture; and

Whereas, this recognition honors Norm's legacy of stewardship, innovation, and commitment to helping others understand the vital role agriculture plays in Sonoma County's economy, landscape, and community life; and

Whereas, through generations of family farming, Norm has remained deeply rooted in the agricultural traditions of Sonoma County while adapting to the changing needs, challenges, and opportunities facing local producers; and

Whereas, as a leader of Sears Point Farming Company, Norm produced hay and grain while helping pioneer the beneficial use of biosolids in forage crop production, demonstrating practical innovation and responsible land stewardship; and

Whereas, Norm's work reflects the perseverance and problem-solving spirit that defines Sonoma County agriculture, where farmers and ranchers must balance production, resource management, environmental responsibility, and changing public policy; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Norm has been a trusted voice for agriculture, sharing the realities, challenges, and contributions of farming with the broader community and helping strengthen connections between producers and the public; and

Whereas, Norm's leadership has extended beyond his own farming operation through decades of involvement with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, where he has helped advocate for local agriculture and support the families and businesses that sustain it; and

Whereas, Norm has also given more than 50 years of volunteer service to the Schell-Vista Fire Department, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to public safety, rural communities, and the well-being of his neighbors; and

Whereas, through his service in agriculture, advocacy, and emergency response, Norm has modeled the values of humility, hard work, generosity, and responsibility to community; and

Whereas, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber's Leadership in Agriculture Award recognizes not only Norm's professional accomplishments, but also a lifetime of service rooted in stewardship, public trust, and a deep belief in the value of agriculture to Sonoma County; and

Whereas, Norm Yenni's contributions have strengthened Sonoma County agriculture, supported local producers, and helped preserve the connection between farming, community, and the land for future generations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby congratulates Norm Yenni upon receiving the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber's Leadership in Agriculture Award and expresses its sincere appreciation for his lifelong contributions to agriculture, land stewardship, public service, and community leadership.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors joins the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber, the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, and the broader agricultural community in honoring Norm Yenni for his remarkable legacy of service, innovation, and dedication to Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.