

Resolution No.:

Adopt a Resolution Commending **Kurt Gollnick** upon his retirement after 33 years of dedicated service with Scheid Vineyards.

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick was raised in the Bay Area and later moved to the Central Coast, where he earned his bachelor's of science degree in agricultural business management from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick began his career in the fields of French Camp Vineyards and seven years later became the General Manager of both French Camp and Bien Nacido Vineyards in Santa Maria; and

WHEREAS, After cultivating viticulture improvements and increasing farming efficiencies in those widely acclaimed sites, Kurt Gollnick made his way to Monterey County to start his career with Scheid Vineyards in 1988 and becoming Chief Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, A wine industry pioneer, Kurt Gollnick, an admired, extremely knowledgeable, and cutting-edge viticulturist oversaw winery operations and the management of over 4000 acres of estate vineyards; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick has long been an advocate for sustainable farming. 12 of Scheid Estates Vineyards are certified by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance and Global Good Agricultural Practice, and more than 1000 acres have been certified as Sustainability in Practice (SIP); and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick has served on numerous boards, including past chair of the Community Foundation of Monterey County, California Association of Wine Growers, Central Coast Grape Growers Association and the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick was also instrumental in the construction of the company's towering 394-foot-high wind turbine that powers the entire winery operation and provides electricity for an additional 125 homes; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick is a soccer fanatic and was a soccer coach for Notre Dame High School for many years. He was very instrumental in the development and expansion of the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex and is the Board President of the non-profit Salinas Regional Sports Authority that operates the Soccer Complex; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Kurt was awarded the Ben Heller Award for Leadership and Courage by the Center for Community Advocacy to honor his work in improving the quality of life of farmworkers; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Gollnick is not ready to fully retire, he and his wife Janet took possession of a property adjacent to Chalone Vineyards and named it Rodnick Farm, creating Burgundian and Rhone-Style wines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends and thanks Kurt Gollnick for his lifetime of dedicated service and exemplary leadership with the wine industry of Monterey County and numerous community organizations and causes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Kurt Gollnick and wishes him success, health, and happiness in all his future endeavors and much joy in his well-deserved retirement. Salud.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2022.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____

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Deputy