

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Tom Nunes** upon his selection as the recipient of the **2017 E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture**

WHEREAS, Tom Nunes was raised in the Salinas Valley by a farming family in Chualar, California; **and**

WHEREAS, Tom Nunes graduated from Salinas High School with a football scholarship to Saint Mary's College and transferred to Stanford University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics; **and**

WHEREAS, after college, **Tom Nunes** began his lifelong career in agriculture by partnering with his father in T. Nunes and Son in Gonzales, California; **and**

WHEREAS, in the mid-1950's, **Tom Nunes** established Growers Exchange Inc. and in 1966 with his brother Bob, founded Nunes Bros. of California Inc., a grower shipper of iceberg lettuce; **and**

WHEREAS, Tom Nunes jointly founded Inter-Harvest, which at the time, was the largest vegetable grower-shipper in the United States; **and**

WHEREAS, in 1967 through 1968, **Tom Nunes** served as president of the Grower-Shipper Association, worked with Western Growers Board of Directors, and served as a charter member of the Palma High School Foundation as well as the Palma High School Board; **and**

WHEREAS, in 1976, **Tom Nunes** and his brother Bob launched The Nunes Company Inc. which continues to this day as one of the most prominent produce grower-shippers in the country, farming more than 22,000 acres of vegetable crops in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Mexico; **and**

WHEREAS, in 2010, **Tom Nunes** and his brother Bob received the National Steinbeck Center Valley of the World *Hall of Fame* Award, the most prestigious honor the Steinbeck Center bestows on those in the agriculture industry; **and**

WHEREAS, Tom Nunes is an incredible leader in the produce industry whose significant contributions to agriculture for over seven decades is being recognized by the Grower-Shipper Association by being awarded the organizations highest honor, the **2017 E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all of its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, and congratulates **Tom Nunes** upon his selection as the recipient of the **2017 E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 _____, 2017.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy