

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No.

Resolution Congratulating The AgKnowledge Program,
as recipient of the Valley of the World Education Award
from the National Steinbeck Center.....)

WHEREAS, The mission of **AgKnowledge** is to educate and enlighten the class members about the heritage, diversity, stewardship, complexity and interdependencies of Monterey County Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, **AgKnowledge** is a program presented by the Grower-Shipper Association Foundation, a 501 c.3 non-profit organization whose mission is *“To promote and educate about the health, social and cultural benefits of agriculture to the community and society as a whole”*; and

WHEREAS, **AgKnowledge** is co-sponsored by Grower-Shipper Association and Monterey County AgKnowledge was developed and launched with Class I in April 2007 originally housed with Monterey County Ag Education for that first class and this Executive Seminar Program provides policy makers, educators, media, and other community leaders the opportunity to “walk in the shoes of a farmer”, to see Monterey County through the eyes of those involved in the many facets of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, **AgKnowledge** consists of nine seminars and a scheduled seminar that is a one day “tour” with a farmer or rancher. This program takes the class members throughout the diverse geography of Monterey County with classroom instruction, farm tours, and “hands on” experiences covering topics such as; economics, water supply, water quality, diversity of crops, field and food safety, marketing, science, research, sustainability, technology, politics, regulations, labor, immigration, cultural diversity, with heritage and history of the industry; and

WHEREAS, **AgKnowledge** Committee includes: Martin Orradre(Chair), Lorri Koster, Jim Bogart, Eric Lauritzen, Mary Orradre, Karen Nardoza, Luis De la Garza, Grower-Shipper Association Foundation Chairman, Emmett Linder Staff: Executive Director David Bonetti, Program Consultant, Darlene Din, Kathy Nielsen, County of Monterey, Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its appreciation and gratitude in recognizing **AgKnowledge** as an esteemed recipient of the **Valley of the World Education Award** from the *National Steinbeck Center* for their excellent and exemplary contribution to the agricultural community of the Salinas area and that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, commends and thanks **AgKnowledge**, and the Grower-Shipper Association Foundation for their contributions to Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the ____ day of _____, 2013, upon the motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail Borkowski, Clerk to 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 at page_____of Minute Book_____, on_____.

Dated:

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

By_____

Deputy