



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26-064

Adopt a resolution recognizing the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2025 Business of the Year Award**.....)

WHEREAS, the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** are recognized for their longstanding service, hard work, and dedication to the South Monterey County community; and

WHEREAS, **Melvina Mallinson Dodson**, a San Lucas native and graduate of King City High School's Class of 1959, later met Bruce Dodson, a Cal Poly graduate and former Army cook from Oakland, and together they settled in South Monterey County, where they raised their two children, Steve and Katie; and

WHEREAS, through dedication and perseverance, the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** grew to include the Wildhorse Café, General Store, RV Park, propane delivery service, and appliance store, providing essential services to rural residents throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, today the family continues to operate the businesses together, with **Steve Dodson** overseeing propane, appliance, and air-conditioning services, **Katie Dodson** managing the café, and **Melvina Dodson** continuing to oversee the general store and RV park operations; and

WHEREAS, the Wildhorse Café has become a beloved gathering place for farmers, ranchers, truck drivers, law enforcement, residents, and travelers from across the region, known for its homemade meals and baked goods prepared by the Dodson family; and

WHEREAS, the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** provide vital services throughout the rural region, including propane delivery to remote homes and cabins and appliance sales for local families; and

WHEREAS, during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and Highway 101 construction, the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** adapted operations by creating outdoor dining and continuing to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, today the Wildhorse Businesses employ approximately thirty staff members, many of whom have worked with the family for many years, reflecting their commitment to both employees and community; and

WHEREAS, **Melvina Mallinson Dodson**, now in her eighties, continues to work seven days a week and remains a welcoming presence, greeting customers at the café; and

WHEREAS, the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** credit their success to the support of the community and their commitment to living by the Golden Rule: treating others as they would like to be treated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes the **Dodson Family and their Wildhorse Businesses** for their outstanding contributions to the community and Monterey County and congratulates them upon being selected as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2025 Business of the Year Award**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of March 2026

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