

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution honoring **Hugo Tottino** upon his selection)
as the recipient of the **2015 E.E. Gene Harden Award for**)
Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.....)

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino was born in the family home on Molera Road near Castroville on September 28, 1926 and has never left the area that he calls *home* for long; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino's father, Alfred, came to Castroville in 1918 and his mother, Emilia arrived in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino worked closely with his father on the family farm while growing up, no doubt where his passion and love for farming was developed; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino attended Castroville Elementary School as a child and went on to Salinas High School where he graduated in 1944, and although he excelled in sports, Hugo gave up a scholarship to St. Mary's College to enlist in the Navy as he felt it was his duty to defend his country; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino joined California Artichoke and Vegetable Growers Association, now known as Ocean Mist Farms in 1947 and today, is one of the family partners; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino met the love of his life, Dolores Bei in 1949 and married on May 27, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino has been instrumental in championing the development of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, a project which uses tertiary treated waste water to provide irrigation water to 12,000 acres of North Monterey County farmland; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino has graciously donated land to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, to restore regional wetlands in North Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino was a founding member of the Artichoke Advisory Board in 1960, and has been actively involved and supported the efforts of soil conservation, water reclamation, North Monterey County Fire Department, Native Sons of the Golden West, Castroville Rotary, Salinas Elks Lodge, Ausonio Library, Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, North Monterey County High School, North County Parks and Recreation, Food Bank of Monterey County, and Artichoke Festival; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino is very proud to have been chosen as a member of the first class of *People to People* program along with a group of local farmers and businessmen to travel to Russia during the Cold War in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Tottino has embodied the spirit of the **E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture** by innovating, promoting, and supporting a vibrant agricultural community on the Central Coast while giving back to his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all of its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, and congratulates **Hugo Tottino** upon his selection as the **2015 E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ 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 February 10, 2015.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy