

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

Resolution No. 13-122

Resolution Recognizing *Neil Ledford* as the National Steinbeck)
Center 2013 Valley of the World Education Award Recipient.....)

WHEREAS, Each year The National Steinbeck Center honors individuals who have outstanding personal, professional, and civic achievements in our community and the agricultural industry. The recipient of the 2013 Valley of the World Education Award is *Neil Ledford*; and,

WHEREAS, *Neil Ledford* resides in Aromas, North Monterey County, with his wife, Mary; and, they have three adult daughters and five grandchildren who live locally; and,

WHEREAS, *Neil Ledford* holds a Bachelor of Science (Soil Science) and Master of Science (Agricultural Sciences) degrees from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; and, has completed graduate level coursework at UCSC, UCLA, Purdue’s Krannert School of Management and the American Management Association; and,

WHEREAS, *Neil Ledford* worked as a Vo-Ag teacher at the community college level for seventeen years at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa and at Hartnell College; and, after working in the education field he transitioned into the private sector where he worked for two separate international vegetable seed breeder-producers in roles as product manager and marketing manager; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006 *Neil Ledford* took the lead of the President’s Agriculture Steering Committee, at Hartnell College, with plans of implementing an agriculture program that would be relevant to local industry and be recognized as “the best agricultural program in the State.” Out of this came the Agriculture Business and Technology Institute at Hartnell College; and,

WHEREAS, *Neil Ledford* keeps busy by staying involved in community activities; and, he operates his hobby, a bearded iris farm near Aromas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, recognize *Neil Ledford* for his outstanding contributions to the community and for the honor of being named as The National Steinbeck Center 2013 Valley of the World Education Award recipient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of April 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Potter, by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES: Supervisor Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

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 76 for the meeting on April 23, 2013.

Dated: April 25, 2013
File ID CR -13-044

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

By *Alene Boyd*
, Deputy