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

## **Resolution No.:**

| and Agriculture's 2015 Business of the Year Award        | ) |
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| as the recipient of the King City Chamber of Commerce    | ) |
| Adopt Resolution recognizing Gill's Family of Businesses | ) |

WHEREAS, Gill's Family of Businesses contribute not only to the local and global economies, but to their community as well; and

WHEREAS, Rio Farms was founded in 1978 by David, Steven, and their father Allen Gill; and

**WHEREAS**, they began with less than 500 acres, growing a few commodities including celery, broccoli, and cauliflower in the King City and Oxnard areas; and

WHEREAS, over the last three decades, Rio Farms has emerged as one of the top ten vegetable growers in the West with more than 17,000 acres of row crops including spinach, lettuce, romaine, celery, broccoli, cabbage cauliflower, onions, peppers, and tomatoes; and

WHEREAS, King City Nursery, part of the Steven and David Gill family of farming companies, is a commercial transplant nursery specializing in growing celery, cauliflower, tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, brussels sprouts, and other crops farmed in the Salinas Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Western Harvesting was founded in the year 2000, and is a full service operation offering growing, custom harvesting, and blending services; and

**WHEREAS,** Gill's Onions was founded in 1983, and is a family owned and operated grower and food processor with the most innovative fresh-cut operation in the world; and

WHEREAS, Gill's Family of Businesses have volunteered and supported the King City Golf Course, Hartnell Ag Steering Committee, Hartnell Foundation, King City Fire Department, Western Growers Association, Monterey County Friends of the Library, King City Young Farmers, and participated in the development of the Hartnell Community College King City satellite campus; and

WHEREAS, Gill's Family of Businesses provide the highest quality products to customers, make great contributions to our community, create a great working environment for their employees and truly deserve to be recognized as King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2015 Business of the Year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, recognize Gill's Family of Businesses for their contributions to the community and to Monterey County, and hereby congratulates them upon being selected as the recipient of the King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2015 Business of the Year Award.

| $f PASSED AND ADOPTED $ on this $\_\_$ data      | ay of February 2016, upon motion of Supervisor                      |
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| , seconded b                                     | by Supervisor by                                                    |
| the following vote, to-wit:                      |                                                                     |
| AYES:                                            |                                                                     |
| NOES:                                            |                                                                     |
| ABSENT:                                          |                                                                     |
| the minutes thereof of Minute Book for the meeti | l order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in ng on |
| Dated:                                           |                                                                     |
|                                                  | Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of Supervisors                 |
|                                                  | County of Monterey, State of California                             |
|                                                  | By                                                                  |
|                                                  | Deputy                                                              |