

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

Resolution No. 13-124

Resolution Honoring *Laura Giudici Mills* upon her selection as the)
National Steinbeck Center's 2013 Valley of the World Ag Leader)

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* resides in Lockwood, California and is a fourth generation California farmer; her paternal ancestors emigrated from Switzerland to Central California in the late 1800s and established themselves in the dairy and cattle businesses; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills'* great-grandfather, Peter Eini Giudici, a dairyman and farmer, purchased property in the early 1920s in Monterey County near San Lucas and along the Salinas River, her father Allan, eventually leased the Giudici Ranch and Wilson Ranch; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* grew up working most summers on the family farm in San Lucas, she was active in 4-H and FFA and worked for Fred. E. Carter Co. and the L.A. Hearne Co. during her high school years at King City High School and prior to attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, she returned to the King City area in 1983 and managed the L.A. Hearne Co., retail store operation until 1985 when she was hired by Crinklaw Farms as a Produce Salesperson; four years later, she went on to become the Sales Coordinator, Sales Assistant and Sales Commodity Manager for the Nunes Company and in 1996, she joined Tanimura & Antle as a Salesperson/Commodity Manager before assuming responsibilities in 1998 for Company Development and;

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* formed LP Consulting, now LGM Consulting, in 2002 to advise growers and landowners on agricultural and environmental issues, and food and workplace safety; from August 2007 through November 2010 she worked for Metz Fresh as Director of Food and Workplace Safety and returned to consulting full-time in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* works closely with clients in California and Arizona, including growers, labor contractors, shippers, co-packers, shipping facilities, researchers, industry trade associations and regulatory agencies, her consulting services include all aspects of food safety, security programs, recall, traceability, crisis management and regulatory compliance; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* is an alumni of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, she currently serves on the Hartnell College Food Safety Advisory Committee, California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement Technical Committee and the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California's Food Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* is a member of the Yuma Safe Produce Council and California Women for Agriculture, her past volunteer roles include serving on the Boards of Directors for Ag Against Hunger, Independent Growers Association, National Steinbeck Center and Salinas River Channel Coalition, Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Reservoir Operations Committee, Valley of the World Advisory Committee, Farm Food Safety and Conservation Network, Safe and Sustainable Food Safety and Conservation Advisory Committee, and Produce Safety Alliance; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* received the Salinas Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1998, the Salinas River Channel Coalition's Special Recognition in 2007 and the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce's Ag Leadership Award in 2010, she was a former Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Ag Day Host; and

WHEREAS, *Laura Giudici Mills* and her husband Ted Mills have three grown children: Mallorie Mills, Ben Plaskett and Michelle Mills, Laura enjoys cooking, entertaining family and friends, hunting, fishing, camping, attending sports events and photo-journaling.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates ***Laura Giudici Mills*** upon her selection as the **National Steinbeck Center's 2013 Valley of the World Ag Leader** and wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

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

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

By *Arlene Boyd*
, Deputy