

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

Resolution No: 08 – 193

A Resolution honoring *Richard Peixoto* as the)
Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau'Farmer of the Year)
award recipient for 2008.)

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto*, who is married to Marisela and has three children: Ashley, Amanda, and Ricky, is the sixth of seven children of parents who were natives to the Pajaro Valley, and the son of a worker for a local fertilizer company, which spawned an interest in him at an early age about growing crops and farming and eventually led to a successful thirty-five year career in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto* engaged in his first farming venture while in the 8th grade when he acquired tomatoes that his brother had grown and hired neighborhood children to pick and pack them for market; and

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto* started his first company, Dick Peixoto Farms, while he was a senior at Watsonville High School and operated under the guidance of his ag teachers and the watchful eyes of his mother, who kept his books; and

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto* first expanded his farming venture into other agricultural areas, such as irrigation and laser leveling; brought his sister, Joanne, into the business; converted his original land to organic farming in 1966; and later added more farmland that currently totals 55 acres in the Pajaro Valley and over 1,000 acres across California; and

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto* is involved in the Santa Cruz County Fair; donates the use of his equipment and products for display during the fair, contributes produce to Agri-Culture for use in their Progressive Dinner, and donated a spectacular luncheon at his home during last year's live auction; and

WHEREAS, *Richard Peixoto* has been a member of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau since 1976 when he became active in the Young Farmers and Ranchers program; is a current member of the Board of Directors and the Legislative Committee; has provided a strong voice in local water issues, and helped create NOPE, a group dedicated to challenging the high cost of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's import pipeline project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, join the members of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau to congratulate *Richard Peixoto* on being selected as recipient of the Farmer of the Year Award for 2008 and thank him for his unwavering commitment to the people of the Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz and the agricultural community of the Pajaro Valley.

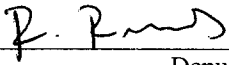
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of June, 2008, upon motion of Supervisor Calcagno, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Mettee-McCutchon, Potter
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

I, Annette D'Adamo, Interim 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 74 for the meeting on June 24, 2008.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Annette D'Adamo, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By 
Deputy