

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

**Resolution No. 13-180**

Resolution Recognizing **Kenneth J. (Ken) Kimes** as the recipient )  
of the Santa Cruz county Farm Bureau 2013 Farmer of the Year Award..... )

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, Farmer of the Year award is presented annually to the farmer(s) who have contributed beyond their normal farming duties to help the community. **KENNETH J. (KEN) KIMES** was selected as the “**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FARM BUREAU - 2013 FARMER OF THE YEAR**” award recipient; and,

**WHEREAS**, **KEN KIMES** was born and raised in southern California. He met his wife, Sandra, in Riverside; and, in 1980 they moved to Santa Cruz County; and, they currently reside in Corralitos, California; and,

**WHEREAS**, **KEN KIMES** started his business New Natives, in 1982, by leasing a 12,000 square foot greenhouse and growing sprouts, the same crops he currently grows; and, today the business consists of a 40,000 square ft of greenhouses with 10 full time and 5 part time employees. He grows crops year round and markets to wholesalers, direct to retail, and farmers markets; and,

**WHEREAS**, **KEN KIMES** spent his early days in Santa Cruz contributing to the organic farmers’ movement and helped other early adopters to form up the foundation for the California Certified Organic Farmers; and,

**WHEREAS**, **KEN KIMES** Ken’s farming accident in August 2010, which resulted in the loss of his right hand, forearm and fingers on his left hand, did not deter him from his goals and passion; and,

**WHEREAS**, **KEN KIMES** is founding member and President of Farm Fuel, Inc. which was founded in 2007 with the aim of growing mustard for biofuel. In addition he has served on the following boards, commissions and committees: Santa Cruz County Land Trust Board of Directors; Santa Cruz County Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission; Monterey Bay Certified Farmers Markets Board of Directors; Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau Board of Directors; Founding member of Farm Fuel; Steering Committee for Slow Foods; Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) Board of Directors; and, Chair, Pajaro Valley Futures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, especially those who earn their livelihood from farming and farming services recognize **KENNETH J. (KEN) KIMES** for his outstanding contributions to the local farming industry and commends him for the honor of being named the “**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FARM BUREAU - 2013 FARMER OF THE YEAR**” by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, and extends their most sincere congratulations.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Calcagno, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, by the following vote, to-wit:

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

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 June 25, 2013.

Dated: June 25, 2013  
File ID CR 13-068

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

By Denise Hancock  
Denise Hancock, Deputy