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

Resolution No.:
Adopt Resolution honoring **John C. D'Arrigo** as a recipient of the   )
National Steinbeck Center's 2016 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award…….)

WHEREAS, the Valley of the World Ag Leader Award was established to honor individuals who have performed outstanding personal, professional and civic achievements in our community and the agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo serves as President/CEO and Chairman of the Board for D'Arrigo Bros. Co., of California; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo began his agricultural career cutting and packing lettuce, loading celery, and planting fields in the Salinas Valley during the 1970s & joined the family business after graduating from the University of California at Davis with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and business management; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo is a past chairman and current director of Western Growers Association and is a trustee of the Western Growers Assurance Trust; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo is currently a board member of the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement (LGMA), and is a founding member and on the advisory council of the Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture (YCEDA); and

WHEREAS, in 2011, **John C. D'Arrigo** was awarded the Natividad Medical Foundation's Hero Award for his dedication and vision in founding the Agricultural Leadership Council (TALC) and in 2014, on behalf of The Agricultural Leadership Council, he accepted the Outstanding Philanthropic Service Organization award from the Central Coast National Philanthropy Day; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo is a recipient of The Paul Harris Fellow recognition from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for his philanthropic work in the local community; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo supports various local non-profit organizations that help children, youth, and families and has been instrumental in developing services to help farmworkers and their families with their healthcare needs and access to medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo founded the Agricultural Leadership Council (TALC) in 2010, and organization dedicated to changing and saving the lives of agricultural workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, each year, TALC members join together to turn health care into healing through their contributions to Natividad Medical Foundation and since its inception TALC's donations, totaling more than $2 million, have enabled the Natividad Medical Center to provide essential medical equipment and services for 15 hospital units and programs, including the Emergency Room, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and the newly designated Trauma Center and TALCs support purchases state-of-the-art medical equipment beyond what the hospital can afford on its own, in addition TALC also funds one-of-a-kind interpreting services for 15 indigenous languages spoken by people in agricultural communities throughout the United States and through this service, every patient is able to fully communicate with their care team; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo's philanthropic generosity helps support numerous non-profit organizations and has provided funding for the agricultural research community; and

WHEREAS, John C. D'Arrigo is supported in has many endeavors by his wife Sandy and his three sons, Christopher, Michael, and Matthew.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and all citizens thereof hereby congratulates **John C. D'Arrigo** as recipient of the National Steinbeck Center's 2016 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award and wishes him continued peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

      AYES:
      NOES:
      ABSENT:

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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

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

                By_____
                              Deputy