

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

Resolution No.

Adopt a 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 25th day of June 2013, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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 of 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