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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution honoring the memory of Rick Lester Antle,)Produce Industry Icon and Legend in Agriculture.....)

WHEREAS, Rick Lester Antle was born on December 15, 1956, in Salinas, California to Robert (Bob) and Sue Antle. He grew up in the family business as the grandson of vegetable pioneer Bud Antle and son of the equally imposing Bob Antle. He began his career at Bud Antle Inc. in the early 1970's and launched Tanimura & Antle with his family and the Tanimura family in 1982; and,

WHEREAS, together the two families built a powerful and innovative company, with **Rick** Lester Antle taking a lead role in guiding the course for the past three decades. During that time, T&A has been every bit the industry leader that its predecessor Bud Antle Inc. was. It has been involved in all aspects of the industry and is the largest grower-shipper in the commodity business; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Lester Antle led the company into many different innovative areas of the industry as it currently has a Hydroponic greenhouse operation in Tennessee and is greatly increasing its presence in the organic sector. In 2017, the leadership of the organization formed an ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) to assure a smooth transition as the company moves forward and also to gives its vast number of employees a material stake in the operation. Tanimura & Antle has always been one of the leaders in the industry with regard to its workforce; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Lester Antle was instrumental in planning and building the Spreckels Crossing farmworker housing project which is home to some 800 T&A employees; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, **Rick Lester Antle**, along with his wife, Tonya, was honored by the United Fresh Produce Association with its distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Lester Antle was a fearless captain, a true visionary, a selfless leader and a revolutionary risk-taker and he will be sorely missed; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Lester Antle is survived by his beloved wife, Tonya Antle, his mom, Sue Antle, his sons, Brian Antle, Jeff Antle, Anthony Pavich, daughter, Natalie Drobny, and grandchildren, Cameron and Spencer Antle. He is also survived by his siblings and many nieces and nephews.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors joins the community in honoring the memory of *RICK LESTER ANTLE* and recognizes him with great admiration for his significant contributions to Monterey County, the produce industry, and the world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of May 2018, upon motion of Supervisor ______ by

the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT:

I, Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting 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:

Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

Deputy