

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

Recognizing Stephen Pessagno for the )  
National Steinbeck Center )  
“Ag Leader Award” ..... )

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Louis Pessagno was an active member of, and advocate for the Monterey wine industry; and

**WHEREAS**, before dedicating his life to winemaking, Stephen graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University in 1980, and a Bachelors of Science degree in Enology and Food Science from California State University, Fresno in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, at Santa Clara and during a short stint as an engineer, he conducted innovative research on using alternative fuel sources for combustion engines and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, inspired by crushing over-ripe Zinfandel grapes for the first time at his grandfather’s ranch in 1974, Stephen pursued his passion for winemaking through a variety of different roles such as Assistant Winemaker and Vineyard Manager for Kirigin Cellars, and then as Vice President and Winemaker for Jekel Vineyards and Lockwood Vineyard; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen’s deep love for winemaking and the Monterey area culminated in Pessagno Winery in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen crafted full-bodied wines from distinctive local vineyards and engaged the community with countless social events and paella feasts; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen was a leader of the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association, the Knights of the Vine, the Monterey County Planning Commission, and numerous other organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all citizens thereof, does hereby recognize the contributions that Stephen Pessagno made to Monterey County and upon being a recipient of the 2018 Ag Leader Award from the National Steinbeck Center.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ and carried this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valerie Ralph, 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:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

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Deputy