

*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 ~~congratulate~~ 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

Deputy