

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Grower Shipper Association of Central California** as the recipient of the **2021 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award**

**WHEREAS, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** is a regional trade association with a mission to advance families, food and farming in our region; and

**WHEREAS, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** was founded in 1930, today the organization represents three-hundred members which consist primarily of farmers, shippers and processors of fruits and vegetables produced in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties; and

**WHEREAS, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** is dedicated to providing solutions-based programs and services covering diverse areas, such as protecting farm workers from the spread of COVID-19 through innovative housing, testing, and education programs; efforts to address the challenges of water supply and improving water quality, food safety and security; and pest and disease management and prevention; and

**WHEREAS, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** developed and implemented innovative programs to protect essential workers including: a collaboration with health officials and ag groups to develop the first-of-its-kind on-farm prevention guidance; overcoming the national shortage in protective masks by procuring and distributing over 1 million masks during the early days of the pandemic, having since procured and distributed over 2.5 million+ items of protective equipment; and

**WHEREAS, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** created a first-of-its kind multi-region COVID-19 isolation and medical observation program for farm workers; coordinated onsite virus prevention training at agricultural worksites by health care professionals for thousands of ag employees; and

**WHEREAS, in July 2020, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California** established a farmworker focused expedited virus testing program and waiver to allow employees and employers to receive near-simultaneous notification enabling quicker reaction and deployment of protective workplace measures; developed a vaccination program for San Benito County to enable vaccination to both continue and grow coverage for food and ag sector employees; and starting in February 2021 created a mass vaccination program for ag sector workers in partnership with Clinica De Salud Del Valle De Salinas; and

**WHEREAS, as of September 2021, this single vaccination program is responsible for having made an extraordinary contribution to an over 85%+ full vaccination rate for ag employees in the Salinas Valley, as two-thirds of all vaccinations were conducted through the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California/Clinica De Salud Del Valle De Salinas partnership.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, recognize **Grower Shipper Association of Central California** for their contributions to the community and to Monterey County, and hereby congratulates them upon being selected as the recipient of the **2021 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2021, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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 of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy