

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING GEORGE DONATI AS THE
2013 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY WINE GRAPE GROWER OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2013 at the California Mid-State Fair, the San Luis Obispo County Wine Industry will honor George Donati as its 2013 Wine Grape Grower of the Year for his dedication, vision and leadership in the San Luis Obispo County wine region; and

WHEREAS, George Donati is a fourth-generation agriculturist on the Central Coast, dating back to his great grandfather's emigration from Switzerland in 1870 to Cayucos, where he grew up on a family farm in Santa Maria and later earned a degree in agriculture business management with a minor in crop science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1974; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Donati continued farming with the family in Santa Maria and later moved to farming vineyards in Madera, California, growing table grapes and wine grapes. Upon his return to San Luis Obispo County he established Pacific Vineyard Company and currently serves as the company's General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Donati and his team at Pacific Vineyard Company has been managing premium varietal wine grapes on the Central Coast of California since planting its first vineyards in 1973 and currently manage 80 percent of the vineyards in the Edna Valley appellation with a focus on sustainable vineyard practices and the production of high quality fruit; and

WHEREAS, George Donati and Pacific Vineyard Company have a track record of proven responsible stewardship, honored with a 2012 Green Award by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce for their efficiencies in water management and emissions; and

WHEREAS, Donati shares his lifetime of agricultural experience by serving on a variety of grower organizations, is a member of the Cal Poly Wine and Viticulture Program Advisory Council, is a member of the California Farm Bureau and is also a licensed California Farm Labor Contractor. George and his wife Kristi live and farm in the Edna Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor George Donati for being named the 2013 San Luis Obispo County Wine Grape Grower of the Year.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor

_____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk