

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

_____ DAY _____, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE
IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the California Women for Agriculture (CWA) is celebrating 40 years of volunteer service to those who feed our communities, America and the world; and

WHEREAS, CWA is an affiliate of American Agri-Women (AAW), the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch and agribusiness women with more than fifty states, commodity and agribusiness affiliate organizations throughout the country. AAW members have been advocating for agriculture since 1974; and

WHEREAS, CWA was formed in 1975 as an affiliate of American Agri-Women, to serve as a voice for agriculture and to educate each other, the consumer and policymakers about agriculture and the family farm; and

WHEREAS, CWA membership is as diverse as the industry they represent: including bankers, lawyers, accountants, marketing professionals, consumers, farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, CWA is the most active, all volunteer agricultural organization in the state with members actively engaged in public relations, education and legislative advocacy; and

WHEREAS, CWA promotes and develops the interest of California women involved or interested in agriculture and promotes a strong and vibrant agriculture industry in California; and

WHEREAS, CWA's efforts are guided by 5 principle objectives: to speak on behalf of agriculture in an intelligent, informative, direct and truthful manner; to keep CWA members informed on legislative activities pertaining to agriculture; to join forces when the need arises to address agricultural issues and challenges; to improve the public image of farmers and; to develop a rapport with consumers, educators, and governmental & business leaders in communities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, CWA has a long history of partnership with local Food Banks, Future Farmers of America, 4-H, colleges such as Fresno State, Cal Poly and UC Davis, as well as agricultural associations like Farm Bureau and Ag In the Classroom to name a few; and

WHEREAS, CWA, through their Adopt-A-Legislator Program, develops long standing relationships with state legislators to educate them on agricultural issues and provide them with resources to be better informed when developing policy; and

WHEREAS, CWA, over the years, has raised millions of dollars in scholarship funds for college bound students majoring in agricultural studies, funds for school gardens, scholarship funds to sponsor teachers to attend Ag In the Classroom training and in support of 4-H and FFA projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby commend the California Women for Agriculture for their outstanding service to agriculture in California and nationwide in their unwavering commitment and success for forty years:

- 1) In educating each other, consumers and policymakers about California Agriculture;
- 2) Raising and donating funds for agriculture education to schools, teachers and students; and
- 3) Building a solid, dependable and sustained relationship between women in agriculture throughout California and across the country embracing the motto "If you eat food and wear clothes, you are involved in agriculture" in San Luis Obispo County.

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