

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

_____ day _____, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION HONORING BOB THOMAS AS THE
2016 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY WINE GRAPE GROWER OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2016 at the California Mid-State Fair, the San Luis Obispo County Wine Industry will honor Bob Thomas as its 2016 Wine Grape Grower of the Year for his dedication, vision and leadership in the San Luis Obispo County wine region; and

WHEREAS, Bob Thomas' agricultural roots began in Selma, California working on his family farm, which influenced his formal education, leading to a degree in business and agricultural engineering from Oregon State University; and

WHEREAS, Bob moved to the central coast to raise his family and begin a career as one of the most trusted voices in vineyard management along the Central Coast of California; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Bob began working for Mesa Vineyard Management, managing vineyards for the famed Robert Mondavi Winery, and since has worked with top winemakers from all over California, spanning from boutique wineries to larger production brands, becoming recognized as a highly qualified viticulturalist; and

WHEREAS, Bob Thomas has farmed conventional, certified organic, and biodynamic vineyards across the Paso Robles American Viticultural Area, using this expertise to assist in the formation of the Positive Points System, precursor to the Sustainability In Practice (SIP) Certification, bringing him to become one of the most experienced managers of USDA Certified Organic and SIP Certified programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby Recognize Bob Thomas for receiving the 2016 San Luis Obispo County Wine Industry Wine Grape Grower of the Year Award.

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 of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk

By: _____
County Counsel