

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2013/97

Honoring Michael J. Vukelich Sr., Recipient of the 2012 California Farm Bureau California Distinguished Service Award and distinguished board member of the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau.

Whereas, Michael "Mike" Vukelich, Sr. co-founded Color Spot Nurseries in North Richmond, Contra Costa County more than 30 years ago, which today is the largest wholesale garden nursery in the U.S., employing more than 900 people in California and other Western states; and

Whereas, Mike Vukelich is a resident of El Sobrante and has served for more than 54 years on the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Mike Vukelich has been active with the California Farm Bureau Federation, including representing Contra Costa County on several delegations to Washington D.C.; and

Whereas, Mike Vukelich is a long-time member of the Contra Costa County Ag Advisory Task Force; and

Whereas, Mr. Vukelich has been a tireless volunteer with the County's Ag-in-the-Classroom Program, which has exposed thousands of school children to education about the farming origins of the food they eat, and how to nurture and grow healthy and beautiful garden plants; and

Whereas, Mike has served on the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Natural Trust of Contra Costa County since 2003, including serving as the Trust's chairperson for the past five years, directing efforts to permanently conserve almost 4,000 acres of the County's agricultural land and natural habitat; and

Whereas, Mr. Vukelich donates thousands of flowers each year to county, Farm Bureau, land conservation and other community meetings and events; and

Whereas, Mike Vukelich received the California Farm Bureau Federation's 2012 Distinguished Service Award for his tireless and committed service to growers, farmers, gardeners, plant lovers, and the public; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County Does Hereby congratulate Michael "Mike" Vukelich, Sr. on receiving the California Farm Bureau's 2012 Distinguished Service Award and honors him for his dedicated, tireless and generous commitment to local agriculture and growing, including to community education.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair,
District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 26, 2013

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy