

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of 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

Resolution No. 2013/97

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

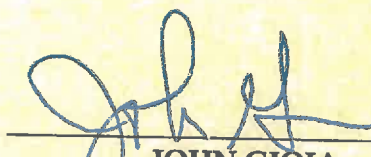
WHEREAS, Mike Vukelich received the California Farm Bureau Federation's 2012 Distinguished Service Award for his tireless and committed service to growers, farmers, gardeners, plant lovers, and the public.


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.

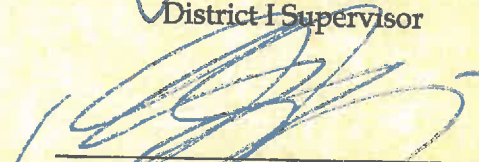
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

  
FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair,  
District V Supervisor

  
JOHN GIOIA  
District I Supervisor

  
CANDACE ANDERSEN  
District II Supervisor

  
MARY N. PIEPHO  
District III Supervisor

  
KAREN MITCHOFF  
Vice Chair,  
District IV Supervisor



Introduced by Supervisor Gioia

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 TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy