

Resolution

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING*

TERESA KURTAK

Upon Receiving the Farmer of the Year Award

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak was born to entomologists parents in Cote d’Ivoire, where she spent her early childhood before moving to a small town in Eastern Washington where the family started a cattle ranch and homestead farm for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak studied Sociology and Fine Arts as an undergraduate student, running an edible landscaping business on the side, before engaging in a UCSC Farm & Garden Apprenticeship program in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak went on to work for the Ecological Farming Association before leaving the position to pursue graduate work at UCSC and earning a masters in Social Documentary, with academic work focused no West African food and food security; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak attended a farming conference in Pacific Grove in 2006, where she met Mike Irving and soon partnered to run a small diverse farm in Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak thoroughly enjoyed her academic work, but ultimately discovered that there is nothing quite so satisfying as being a farmer; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Kurtak with Mike Irving and John Vars, in 2008, launched Fifth Crow Farm in Pescadero, a new farming operation built from scratch on a shoestring budget, big dreams and sore muscles that is rooted in a values-based approach to land stewardship, sustainable food systems and a vision for a viable future for local agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and commends **Teresa Kurtak** upon receiving the **Farmer of the Year Award** from the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce for the vision, passion and commitment to agriculture represented in Fifth Crow Farm and extends best wishes for continued success!

Dated: March 22, 2024

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors