

Resolution

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

ERIN TORMEY

2018 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame Honoree

WHEREAS, ERIN TORMEY of Half Moon Bay founded the Coastside Farmers' Market in 2002 for the purpose of supporting healthy, sustainable, and socially equitable food systems, while providing the community with a valuable fresh and local food source; and

WHEREAS, ERIN TORMEY's passion for farmer's markets and what they offer to the community inspired her vision to go beyond providing locally produced food for the community and economic opportunity for small family farms to seeking out programs that support lower income residents; and

WHEREAS, as a result, ERIN TORMEY established relationships with the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutritional Program, the Seniors Farmers Market Nutritional Program, and CalFresh in order to bring them into her markets to better serve vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, ERIN TORMEY was a pilot partner in MarketMatch, now a state-wide program that doubles participants produce purchasing power, and created LocalMatch, a unique program offered to residents who do not qualify for any form of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, ERIN TORMEY is a founder of the HEAL (Health, Environment, Agriculture Learning) Project, a Coastside-grown curriculum rooted in agriculture at the 2.5-acre School Farm in Moss Beach, designed to teach students where their food comes from and is delivered to all students in the second and third grades on the Coastside, as well as more than 2,500 San Mateo County students; and

WHEREAS, ERIN TORMEY is a founding member of the San Mateo County Food System Alliance, was appointed the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Review Committee for a five-year term, and was named San Mateo County Farmer of the Year in 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby gratefully commends **ERIN TORMEY**, 2018 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame Honoree, for her exemplary leadership and commitment to the community in San Mateo County and wishes her well in the years ahead.

Dated: March 24, 2018

Supervisors:

Dave Pine, President

Carole Groom

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Warren Slocum

David J. Canepa

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors