



Proclamation
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing Windwalker Vineyard and Winery's
Statewide Recognition at the 2011 California State Fair

WHEREAS, it is with great enthusiasm and pride we recognize Windwalker Vineyard and Winery as one of California's most prestigious wine makers, recently confirmed at the California State Fair where they were awarded the "Golden Bear Award" for the Best Red Wine in the entire state; and

WHEREAS, Windwalker's "Shady Lady, 2008, Primitivo" took this top honor and helped ferment receiving the "Third Best Winery Overall in the State" award out of 2,800 eligible wineries; and

WHEREAS, their fame is gained from humble roots where Jim and Alanna Taff began as El Dorado Home Wine Makers growing their own grapes and receiving gold and silver awards along the way; and

WHEREAS, the Taffs turned their successful hobby into a full-bodied winery when they were able to purchase the Windwalker Vineyard and Winery in Somerset, California in 2006; and

WHEREAS, their dream was not only realized upon purchasing this property, but their hard work and passion was rewarded this year in receiving statewide recognition; and

WHEREAS, Windwalker produces an assortment of outstanding wines and desires to continue to produce much of the same while creating new and diverse varieties to satisfy the various palates; and

WHEREAS, on the lighter side, Windwalker's mascot is their beloved dog who is appropriately named "Wino."

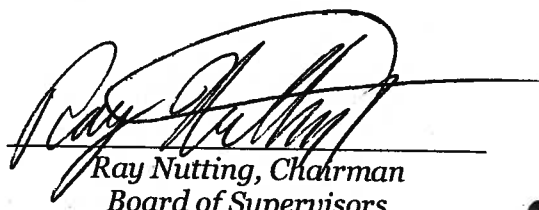
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, with glasses raised, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does herewith acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of Jim and Alanna Taff and Windwalker Vineyard and Winery for bringing such fame and notoriety in a state known for its wine and placing the County of El Dorado firmly on the fine wine map in the State of California.

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:


Deputy Clerk


Ray Nutting, Chairman
Board of Supervisors