

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) selects the most progressive individuals and organizations and honors them with the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Innovator Award; and

WHEREAS, this year the IPM Innovator award went to nine organizations that helped demonstrate environmentally friendly pest management strategies in many sensitive areas where nature, agriculture and urban residents must coexist; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is an approach that uses biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in various combinations thus minimizing the effects on the environment while maximizing control of pests; and

WHEREAS, "IPM Innovators" have lead the way in adopting techniques that increase benefits and reduce risks and promote these techniques by sharing their knowledge with others; and

WHEREAS, finding innovative and environmentally friendly ways to deal with pests in vineyards and areas in and around urban neighborhoods is good for the health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, a local non-profit group organized in 1975 to promote the interests of local, independent vineyard owners; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley Grapegrowers has become a leader in teaching growers about new methods, responsible practices, and IPM approaches; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley Grapegrowers has sponsored many IPM-related educational, training and outreach activities including seminars, workshops, and fairs for both grape growers and the public; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley Grapegrowers conducts research activities and sponsored the 2003 and 2005 Napa Organic Cabernet Cost Studies with UC Davis; and

WHEREAS, at ceremonies held in Sacramento on October 11, 2005, Department of Pesticide Regulation Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam presented Napa Valley Grapegrowers representatives with the IPM Innovator Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Dodd, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, wish to congratulate ***Napa Valley Grapegrowers*** for their ***IPM Innovator Award*** from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation, and commend them for their exemplary leadership in promoting sustainable practices in Napa County viticultural operations.

ATTEST:

Bill Dodd, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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