

# 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**, Lee Hudson and his family began planting wine grapes in Napa County in 1981 and today grow 180 acres to supply about 28 high-end wineries; and

**WHEREAS**, Hudson Vineyards uses weather-monitoring technologies to minimize chemical applications in any field situation and welcomes beneficial organisms to combat vineyard pests; and

**WHEREAS**, Hudson Vineyards uses a very carefully planned program of cultural practices to reduce or eliminate chemical control for weeds, as well as fungal and insect pests; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hudson Vineyards' workforce is trained to make decisions based on scientific principles of IPM; and

**WHEREAS**, Hudson Vineyards takes part in outreach programs with Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group, Napa Resource Conservation District, and the Sierra Club, among other organizations; and

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

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

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Bill Dodd, Chair  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Miller  
Clerk of the Board

