

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MARCH 24, 2020 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

WHEREAS, California is a national leader in the farming industry with its production of over 400 different commodities and contributing over \$50 Billion in high quality food, fiber, and flower products annually; over a third of the county's vegetables and two-thirds of the country's fruits and nuts are grown in California; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has a long and rich agricultural history, starting in the 1850's when early settlers planted the first vineyards, followed in 1890 with the planting of the first Bartlett pears; crops have flourished in our fertile valleys and hillsides; and

WHEREAS, today, Lake County's agricultural industry continues to be a vital economic engine, providing jobs and contributing to a strong tax base, bringing more than \$111 Million in value of its major crops of pears, winegrapes, and walnuts as well as an increasing contribution of olives, nursery, livestock, field and seed crops, and vegetable crops; and

WHEREAS, Lake County's farmers are stewards of the land, contributing to the health, beauty, productivity, and quality of our County's water, soil, air, and forest resources for the benefit of all California and Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, Lake County's agriculture fosters a deep caring for the land and our community, contributes to our local economy, ensures the production of safe food, gives back to local charities and organizations, supports our way of life, and continues to embrace education and scientific knowledge to further agricultural advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake does hereby designate March 24, 2020, as **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY** in Lake County, and celebrates the achievements of the more than 1 million people who work throughout the year in Lake County's and California's number one industry.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON

COUNTY OF LAKE

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

Chair, Board of Supervisors