

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING CALIFORNIA

THEKLA SANFORD
AS THE THIRD DISTRICT
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Thekla Sanford has devoted 40 years of her life in Santa Barbara County to the advancement of sustainable agricultural practices, focusing on the importance of healthy soils to mitigate climate change through the regenerative farming agriculture movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Thekla Sanford spearheaded the establishment of an organic vineyard at Rancho el Jabalí that would protect the health of the soil, the vines, the surrounding habitat, and the employees working the fields, resulting in the first CCOF certification in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, along with two like-minded women, in 1992 Thekla Sanford founded WE Watch to protect the rural character of our beautiful Santa Ynez Valley; and

WHEREAS, Thekla Sanford continues in her mission of sustainability, having served on the advisory boards of the Santa Cruz Island Foundation, the Santa Barbara Land Trust, and the Wilding Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, Thekla Sanford has sponsored, presented, and hosted hundreds of events throughout the United States to promote the wines of Santa Barbara County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County declares Thekla Sanford, as the Third District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this  $19^{th}$  day of March, 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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