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IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AGRICULTURAL WORKER HEALTH DAY IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

WHEREAS, an estimated 3 to 5 million Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers are employed in the nation's multi-billion dollar agricultural industry and whose back-breaking labor makes possible the production and harvest of many crops. Thank those who had worked at the frontline during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture ranks among the most dangerous occupations, subjecting workers to health and occupational risk, yet Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers by virtue of their work and economically – disadvantage status confront significant barriers to accessing doctors and needed health services; and,

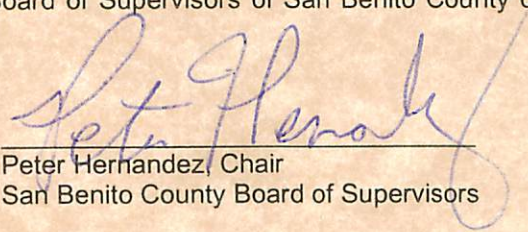
WHEREAS, the Migrant Health Program enacted in 1962 planted the seed that has enabled communities to establish Migrant Health Center, which today serves more than a million Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers and their families, and,

WHEREAS, Migrant Health Centers have evolved into strong models of primary care practice addressing the complex needs of a vulnerable population while demonstrating the value of outreach population, patient education, linguistically and culturally competent care to promote better health and ensure healthy communities, and,

WHEREAS, studies have confirmed that Migrant Health Centers deliver comprehensive, high-quality, and cost-effective preventive and primary health care services in addition to lifting the barriers of health care and reducing health disparities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim, that the 9th of August 2022, is hereby proclaimed "Agricultural Worker Health Day" in the State of California.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 9th day of August 2022.


Peter Hernandez, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

