RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GORRILL RANCH

WHEREAS, in 1917 Ralph and Elizabeth Gorrill founded Gorrill Ranch, in Durham, California. Impressed by the richness of the soil and the land’s access to Butte Creek, Ralph put his engineering skills from UC Berkeley to use, leveling the ground, and designing a gravity-fed water delivery system that is the basis for all irrigation on the main rice ranch today; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Elizabeth Gorrill have three daughters, Sally, Anne, and Jane, who have continued Ralph’s legacy of innovation with large-scale engineering projects and additions. Their three daughters diversified the rice operation with the purchase and development of tree crops, including prunes, almonds, walnuts, and pecans; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Elizabeth Gorrill have 10 grandchildren, who have continued the innovation and expansion pioneered on Gorrill Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the 13 great grandchildren of Ralph and Elizabeth Gorrill, have now assumed leadership roles at strategic levels, bringing new energy and complimentary experience to the ranch as it celebrates its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Board of Supervisors honors Gorrill Ranch’s enduring legacy to practice innovative and sustainable farming, while adhering to honorable business principles, preserving wildlife and other natural resources, and contributing to the welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Gorrill Ranch upon the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Board of Supervisors this 24th day of July, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Connelly, Wahl, Kirk, Teeter, and Chair Lambert
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:
Shari McCracken, Chief Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: [Signature]
Deputy

Steve Lambert, Chair
Butte County Board of Supervisors