

**COMMENDING  
ELLIE RILLA  
FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD  
“FRIEND OF FARM BUREAU, 2010”**

**WHEREAS**, Ellie Rilla has worked for the University of California Cooperative Extension Service for 21 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie Rilla has served to be a true friend of the Marin County Farm Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie has attended hundreds of Farm Bureau meetings and advised the Farm Bureau on countless issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie has helped to make agriculture more viable and sustainable in Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie has helped in creating the Indian Valley Campus Farm and Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie was essential in planning the 1997 Agricultural Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie has taken the lead on numerous projects such as Food-for-Thought, Marin Coastal Watershed Enhancement Program, and Grown-In-Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellie has been an important part of unifying the agricultural community in Marin by working with the Marin County Farm Bureau, Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Marin Farmers Markets, Marin Organic, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin Resource Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Marin County Agricultural Commissioner, Marin Community Development Agency, Marin County Fire Department, Marin Community Foundation, Tomales Bay Watershed Council, and the Point Reyes National Seashore Grazing Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank and commend Ellie Rilla for her generous service to the Marin County Farm Bureau, the agricultural community, and to the people of Marin.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 9th day of February 2010.