April 29, 2014

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901

SUBJECT: Centennial Celebration for the University of California Cooperative Extension

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: On May 8th, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith Lever Act establishing the Cooperative Extension Service nationally. For California this is the University of California Cooperative Extension. In Marin County, the UCCE Farm Advisor’s Department has been in place since 1920. The Department is joining with the Board of Supervisors to celebrate the Centennial and recommends Board approval of a proclamation commemorating occasion.

SUMMARY: The University of California Cooperative Extension is the long-standing and beneficial relationship between the County of Marin and the University of California. This relationship brings the resources and science based information from the University of California to Marin to collaboratively solve problems and address needs. UCCE Marin’s academics and staff have been partnering with other departments and local organizations to sustain our agriculture community, protect our unique environmental heritage, and help communities shape wise public policy by strengthening community participation and leadership skills in our youth and adults. We are grateful for the opportunity to service in the past and look forward to the continued privilege to be Marin’s University of California and a member of the County of Marin family going into the future. This proclamation and agenda item is being requested to share our gratitude with the Board and our community partners.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: Recommended action requires no additional funding.

REVIEWED BY: [ ] County Administrator [ ] N/A
[ ] Department of Finance [X] N/A
[ ] County Counsel [X] N/A
[ ] Human Resources [X] N/A

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