PROCLAIMING EDIBLE MARIN & WINE COUNTRY EAT LOCAL MARIN WEEK

JUNE 6 – 13, 2010

WHEREAS, Marin County is proud of its many farms, ranches, shellfish farms, fishermen, dairies and creameries; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Marin County benefit in many ways from the presence of these local food producers, including the security of knowing that we could sustain our population with what is being produced within our local food shed if the need arose; the enjoyment of the beautiful rural landscape they provide and preserve; and the pleasure of eating the healthy and delicious "fruits of their labor"; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has supported the notion of becoming "locavores" - people who eat food locally grown or raised within 100 miles - in past events and policy, including strong supporting language in the 2007 Countywide Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, there are many farmers' markets in Marin County that offer these food producers a means of directly offering their products for sale to the local residents, and offers to residents a means of directly connecting with the people who produce our food; and

WHEREAS, chefs and restaurants in Marin County recognize the quality and importance of the food that is produced locally, and support the efforts of the local food producers by using and highlighting their products on their menus; and

WHEREAS, in honor of its first anniversary, <u>Edible Marin & Wine Country</u> magazine has organized a series of events at local farmers' markets and restaurants throughout Marin County that emphasize locally produced ingredients on their menus, as a way to celebrate the amazing "Bounty of Marin County."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the week of June 6-13, 2010, as "Edible Marin & Wine Country Eat Local Marin Week" and encourages all residents of Marin County to celebrate this week by paying special attention to where their food is produced, seeking out those products that are made by Marin County producers, and attending one of the events being held at local farmers' markets and restaurants to collectively celebrate the "Edible Bounty of Marin County."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 18th day of May 2010.