

**COMMENDING ARTSTART AND THEIR APPRENTICES FOR THE COMPLETION
OF SECTION 1 OF THE 56 FOOT FARMWORKER'S MURAL**

WHEREAS, Artstart has made a significant impact in our community by creating over 150 benches, 34 murals and many installations and provides inspiration to young artists in our community; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Artstart is to provide job training, mentoring and fostering of life changing breakthroughs by way of stimulating work experience in the arts for all of Sonoma County youth, while creating public art for our community; and

WHEREAS, the initial proposal for the Farmworker's Mural was made to California Human Development Corporation (CHDC) in April 2005 with the idea born from a wish to involve more young people from Southwest Santa Rosa to create something for their community that would inspire a sense of pride; and

WHEREAS, apprentices are instructed in all aspects of completing a mural projects including, research of theme, design concepts, drawing and painting techniques, presentation, communication and execution; and

WHEREAS, the first phase (research and design) was funded by a \$7300 grant from CHDC and completed in 2007, and by November 2008, the planning and painting of the first of four sections of the 56 foot mural was completed, this was accomplished during the summer of 2008 and was funded by two \$5000 grants from Long's Drugstore and a Community Advisory Board grant; and

WHEREAS, a permanent home for this mural has been found at Elsie Allen High School's library, the theme being the struggle of farmworkers in Sonoma County depicted at various stages of the Farmworkers movement with renderings of prominent Sonoma County participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors congratulates Artstart and their participants for a job well done and looks forward to seeing the completed project.