

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION HONORING KRISTI ROOTS)
AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2024 MARGARET)
DALTON GOLD ACORN AWARD) RESOLUTION NO. 24-023

WHEREAS, Kristi Roots was born in Southern California and raised in Sonora, but she fell in love with Mike Roots, a boy from Ione, and Ione has been all the better for it. After college at CSU Stanislaus, (she has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology), Mike and Kristi settled in Ione to raise a family. Kristi first worked at Mule Creek State Prison, but then switched to working in the family business, Dolores Roots’ Grange Insurance office. After Dolores retired in 2000, the business became Kristi Roots Insurance and expanded to offer a range of insurance products. “We know our customers personally,” says Kristi about being a small business owner in a small town. “In a town like Ione, families stay with the same office sometimes for generations”; and

WHEREAS, In a town like Ione, it’s hard not to get involved with community projects when the need arises. About 20 years ago, Kristi was asked to help set up a blood drive location for Ione by two staff members at Mule Creek and Preston Youth Correctional Facility. She agreed to help and shortly after, the chair of the project retired and Kristi was “promoted” by default. She’s been heading up blood drives in Ione ever since; and

WHEREAS, Kristi, her family, and her staff at Kristi Roots Insurance, work as a team to organize a blood draw event. Kristi is the heart of the operation but everyone pitches in with social media posts, flyers, setting up chairs in Evalyn Bishop Hall, cleaning up after, and buying the Nutter Butter cookies that blood donors “in the know” demand. She’s donated 116 pints of blood herself (19 pints ahead of Mike) and she’s pretty tireless in recruiting donors. “My family... my friends... If I’ve met you, I’ve probably asked you to donate.” Kristi says local blood donations benefit the local community by ensuring that blood will be available in the event of a major emergency or when disasters interrupt a community’s ability to hold a blood drive locally. “It’s amazing how people in the Ione area respond when they’re asked. Before the pandemic, we’d have 30 or 40 donors on a good day. Now, we’re seeing as many as 80 people come to our blood drives,” she says; and

WHEREAS, Kristi helped organize and run the Ione Swim Team, served on the board of Amador Youth Basketball for years, has sponsored dozens of youth teams, and donates time and money to virtually any person or project in need of support. “Here at the office, her business philosophy goes way above and beyond what’s required for customers,” says April Gasaway, Agent at Kristi Roots Insurance. “Kristi absolutely goes out of her way to help people ... Honestly; she is the most giving, selfless person I have ever met.”

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby recognize Kristi Roots as Recipient of the 2024 Margaret Dalton Gold Acorn Award.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of February 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES: Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank Axe, Richard Forster, Jeff Brown
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None



Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County, California



Deputy