



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT  
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**FEATURE INDUSTRY**

**Smith & Wilson Estate Wines**

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community;

AND WHEREAS Smith & Wilson's vineyards were planted in 1983 on the shores of Lake Erie producing their first vintage in 2004. The following year, a retail outlet was established at 8368 Water Street, Blenheim;

AND WHEREAS owners George and Mary Smith set out to create a winery that would appeal to the residents of Chatham-Kent, as well as attracting out-of-town wine enthusiasts with their idyllic location and award winning wines;

AND WHEREAS Smith & Wilson Estate Wines employs over a dozen people throughout the season on their 100 acre farm in winemaking, agri-tours and special events;

AND WHEREAS Smith & Wilson wines have been awarded thirteen medals of excellence for their wines and received several positive reviews by renowned wine writers across the country;

AND WHEREAS the business is a member of the Blenheim Beautification Committee, the Blenheim Business Improvement Association and proudly supports the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance;

AND WHEREAS the owners continue to plan for future business expansion and continued success in Chatham-Kent;

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Smith & Wilson Estate Wines is hereby designated as "Feature Industry" for the month of October, 2010.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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Randy R. Hope  
Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Rob Browning  
Chief Administrative Officer

*On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:*

Jim Brown, Don Clarke, Marjorie Crew, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Anne Gilbert, Karen Herman,  
Brian King, Tom McGregor, Sheldon Parsons, Steve Pickard, Steve Pinsonneault,  
Larry Mansfield Robbins, Art Stirling, Doug Sulman, Frank Vercouteren, Bill Weaver