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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Neha Hoskins, Clerk of the Board

Date: May 19, 2026

Re: Item No: 4B

The proclamation for “Water Awareness Month” was revised to expand the list of local legislation that supports water resource protection.

Water Awareness Month – May 2026

WHEREAS, Water Awareness Month was established by the California Department of Water Resources during California’s 1987–1992 drought to promote efficient water use from source to tap because freshwater is a limited natural resource essential to life, health, agriculture, the economy, and the environment. The people of Napa County share a collective responsibility to conserve and protect water resources for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, County of Napa voters have expressed sustained interest in water resource protection in parallel with supporting agriculture as reflected by the approval of Measure J, the Agricultural Lands Preservation Initiative, which prevents urban sprawl, in 1990, and Measure P, extending Measure J provisions through 2058, in 2008, and Measure A, the Napa County Flood Protection Sales Tax Ordinance passed in 1998 which funded numerous watershed-wide multi-benefit projects; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Conservation Regulations, which protect water quality, soils, and vegetation and, in 2019, further strengthened protections for natural resources with the Water Quality and Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California State Legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and, in 2023, the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, providing a science-based roadmap for sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, Napa County wishes to promote water conservation and responsible stewardship throughout the county as an ongoing means of assuring that we can all enjoy the benefits of our limited water resources; and, in 2022, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-178 affirming the Human Right to Water Policy, including the protection of public health, the environment consistent with public trust principles, and all beneficial uses, to ensure prudent water resource management and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

WHEREAS, the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District oversees the Countywide Watershed Management Program, which supports the creation and maintenance of healthy waterways and protects homes and businesses from flooding and erosion; administers municipal water supplies from the State Water Project for the cities of Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga; and ensures compliance through the Municipal Stormwater Permit program for Napa County and its cities and town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Napa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, hereby recognizes May 2026 as **Water Awareness Month** in Napa County and urges all residents, businesses, industries, institutions, and public agencies to conserve and protect water resources through responsible and efficient water use.

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