

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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## Women's History Month – March 2025

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is an annual national celebration recognizing the remarkable contributions of women to economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Women's History Month 2025, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, serving as an inspiration past, present, and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia "Ginny" Simms paved the way in January 1973 when she took office as Napa County's first woman Supervisor, representing district 4. She was followed by Kathleen McCullough in 1985 (District 2); Kathryn Winter in 1997 (District 4); Diane Dillon in 2003 (District 3), who was re-elected in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018.; Belia Ramos in 2016, (District 5), who was reelected in 2022; and Joelle Gallagher in 2022 (District 1); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Napa County made history by electing its first-time all-women Board of Supervisors, making it only the second county in California to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, today, women hold 70 percent of all elected positions in Napa County, demonstrating their leadership and dedication to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Napa County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. Women have been at the forefront of securing their rights to suffrage and equal opportunity, as well as leading movements for abolition, emancipation, labor rights, civil rights and peace, all of which have helped build a more fair and just society for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, does hereby recognize **March 2025** as **Women's History Month** in Napa County, and in doing so, we encourage all members of the community to honor and celebrate the contributions of the women beside us, those who have come before us, and those who will follow in our footsteps.

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Anne Cottrell, Chair

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Amber Manfree, Vice Chair

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Joelle Gallagher, District 1

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Liz Alessio, District 2

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Belia Ramos, District 5

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