

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

William Thomas Hanna

2025 Napa Valley Grapegrowers Lifetime Achievement Award

WHEREAS, the Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) recognize those individuals who exemplify the principles of stewardship, collaboration, and excellence — qualities that define Napa Valley winemaking. It is with great admiration that the **2025 NVG Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to **William Thomas Hanna**, in recognition of his enduring contributions that have shaped the land, enriched the community, and advanced the future of viticulture; and

WHEREAS, born in Oakland to John Muir and Virginia Hanna, **William** moved with his family to Napa in 1950, where he was raised on a 100-acre ranch. He is married to Claudia Hanna, and together they are the proud parents of Michael and Kristin. As a fifth-generation California farmer, **William** continues his family's tradition of nurturing 45 acres of land with a commitment to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, **William** earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a minor in Geology from the University of the Pacific and pursued graduate studies in radiochemistry, geology, and management at CSU Sacramento. During his 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, he received specialized training in nuclear physics, electronics, and statistics, and completed the Air War College and Air-Command and Staff College; and

WHEREAS, **William** is the current co-owner of Muir-Hanna Vineyards and previously owned and operated Hanna Vineyards Inc. A founding member of NVG, **William's** family has been involved since its inception, and he has served the organization with distinction, including nine years as a director and his current position on the Industry Issues Committee. His leadership and advocacy within NVG have been integral to the success of the industry; and

WHEREAS, **William** has led efforts in farmworker housing, educational mentoring, and environmental sustainability, shaping policies that protect the Agricultural Preserve and guide winery operations. His advocacy for clean air and water has bolstered the region's environmental integrity. Additionally, he served 12 years as an advisor to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, **William** is a lifelong learner, environmental steward, and devoted leader. In addition to his professional accomplishments, he is active in music ministry and church leadership, with personal passions that include gardening, ecology, hiking, and woodworking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 24th day of June 2025, does hereby extend its heartfelt congratulations to **William Thomas Hanna** for being awarded the **2025 Napa Valley Grower Lifetime Achievement Award**. We stand united with the Napa Valley Grapegrowers in honoring **William** for his unwavering dedication, invaluable contributions, and lasting impact on the Napa County community and the winegrowing industry.

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