

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2025

WHEREAS, each May we raise awareness about the importance of mental health and its impact on the well-being of the Napa County community, including children, adults, and families; and

WHEREAS, mental health challenges are one of the most common health conditions in California, affecting at least two in five adults and children, impacting both the person experiencing mental health challenges and those persons who care and love the person facing the challenges; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2024, to April 7, 2025, 7,633 students in Napa County received universal mental health screening funded by the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) through a partnership between the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) and Napa Health and Human Services Agency’s Behavioral Health Division; and

WHEREAS, Napa County Health & Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Division served over 1,663 unique clients in Fiscal Year 2023–2024, ensuring those served received high-quality mental health services; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we create a community in Napa County wherein everyone feels comfortable seeking support and prioritizing their mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, we support the shared vision of a community in which anyone affected by mental illness can get the support and care they need to live a fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, we encourage friends, relatives, neighbors, and all people in our community to learn the signs, support those who are struggling, and assist them in seeking services available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 22nd day of April 2025, does hereby proclaim May 2025 is **Mental Health Awareness Month** in Napa County. We call upon all members of the community, private businesses, non-profit groups, clubs, and associations, to be an ally for individuals with mental illness and take action to strengthen the mental health of our community. Above all, let us collectively ensure that all children and adults experiencing mental health challenges are treated with the compassion, respect, and understanding they deserve.

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