

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## National Agriculture Month – March 2025

**WHEREAS**, National Agriculture Month acknowledges the vital role that agriculture plays in enriching our local communities and the nation at large. This month is an opportunity to honor the unwavering dedication of our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and the diverse array of local agricultural industries that work tirelessly to provide us with fresh, nourishing food and beautiful landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, California's farms, ranches, and plant nurseries generate over \$59 billion in cash receipts. Today, more than 400 different commodities are grown in California, and over one third of US vegetables, and three-quarters of US fruits and nuts are grown in California; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture in Napa County is recognized as the highest and best use of the land, protected by the landmark Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve established in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County has more than 1,700 farms, cultivating more than 46,000 acres of farmland, resulting in an ag production value of over \$1.2 billion in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa's growers and ranchers exemplify a commitment to stewardship of the land, working to cultivate and enhance sustainable farming practices that reflect their innovative spirit and determination. With the evolving challenges presented by our changing environment, these dedicated agriculturalists are not only focused on the present but are also proactively shaping the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the agricultural workforce stands as a vital pillar of Napa County's economy, honored for its unwavering dedication and essential contributions. It is this remarkable group of individuals who cultivate the land and nurture the vineyards, ensuring that Napa not only thrives as a world-renowned destination, but also remains a cherished place to call home; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of Napa County's agricultural legacy relies on cultivating the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural professionals. To sustain and grow Napa's agricultural industry, it is also essential that we inspire, support, and invest in the youth of our community, providing them with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities necessary to carry forward the proud tradition of agriculture in Napa County. By fostering youth educational programs in agriculture, we ensure that the next generation will have the passion and tools they need to thrive and create a resilient and innovative agricultural future for our county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, does hereby recognize **March 2025** as **National Agricultural Month** in Napa County. We celebrate, honor, and promote the value of agriculture and the agricultural workforce in the County of Napa. We commit to supporting the growth of the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural leaders who will carry Napa's agricultural heritage into the future.

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