

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## National Agriculture Month – March 2024

**WHEREAS**, National Agriculture Month, recognized each March, acknowledges the vital role that agriculture plays in our local communities and across the nation, and celebrates the contributions of our dedicated farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, local ag industries, and the entirety of our agricultural workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, California's farms, ranches, and plant nurseries generated over 51 billion dollars in cash receipts. Today, more than 400 different commodities are grown in California, and 40% of US harvested vegetable acres and three quarters of US fruits and nuts are grown in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County has more than 1,800 farms, cultivating more than 46,000 acres of farmland, resulting in an ag production value of over 894 million dollars in 2022; 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's growers and ranchers are dedicated stewards of the land, striving to develop and improve sustainable farming practices with innovation, determination, and an eye to the future of agriculture in a changing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the agricultural workforce is honored as the primary driver of the County of Napa's overall economy, without whom Napa, as a world-renowned destination and place to reside, could not exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, does hereby recognize **March 2024** 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.

  
Joëlle Gallagher, Chair

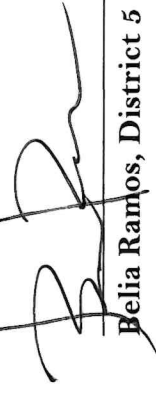
  
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