

# Proclamation



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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, California grows more than 473,000 acres of winegrapes producing more than 3.98 million tons of grapes per year valued at almost \$2.3 billion, with a direct and indirect impact on California's economy of more than \$15.2 billion, to which Napa County contributes more than \$10.9 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the destructive and incurable Pierce's disease poses a significant and imminent threat to Napa's important grape and wine industry; costing growers annual losses of more than \$15 million, and

**WHEREAS**, a non-native vector for Pierce's disease, the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter*, has been determined to carry and spread this disease to many forms of California agriculture, usually with complete destruction to the infected crop; and

**WHEREAS**, to avoid a potentially catastrophic loss to Napa County's winegrape and wine industry, it is important that County residents know more about the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter* and how to help prevent its introduction and establishment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Dodd, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May 2011 to be *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Month* in Napa County and encourage local media, business organizations, wineries and fellow residents to increase their knowledge and awareness of Pierce's Disease and the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter* to enable the entire community to prevent the pest from being introduced into Napa County and destroying our crops.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Dodd".

Bill Dodd, Chairman

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