

A Tradition of Stewardship A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ! NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Napa County is home to more than 30,000 citizens aged 60 years or older; and increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Napa County are among our most "treasured resources," united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Napa County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by: Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life; Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age; and Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Bill Dodd, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, proclaim May 2011 as *Older Americans Month*, and urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them.