



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

### **Fall Prevention Awareness Week September 22 - 28, 2013**

**WHEREAS**, each year 1 in 3 Americans aged 65 and older falls, and falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of nonfatal trauma-related hospital admissions among older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 6 local residents go to the hospital every day for a fall-related injury. In 2011, there were 1,649 Emergency Room visits, an additional 491 hospitalizations, and 8 fall-related deaths in Napa County; and

**WHEREAS**, Queen of the Valley Medical Center has estimated the cost of a fall in Napa County to be \$ 40,000; and

**WHEREAS**, falling, and the fear of falling, can lead to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence; and

**WHEREAS**, concentrated efforts are being made in Napa County through "Stop Falls Napa Valley" and the Napa Valley Fall Prevention Coalition to reduce falls and fall-related injuries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Brad Wagenknecht, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22-28, 2013, to be **FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK** in Napa County, and I call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of fall prevention.

**Brad Wagenknecht, Chairman**

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