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

## **JOEL KING RETIREMENT - December 2013**

**WHEREAS**, Joel King began his service to Napa County in July 1980 as an Agricultural Biologist I, and throughout the years was promoted numerous times, advancing to an Agricultural Biologist IV in January 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Joel has used his skills as an entomologist to accurately identify insects, educate growers and homeowners alike on prudent pest control strategies where necessary; and has worked tirelessly in the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Program from its inception in 1999 to keep Napa County GWSS-free, and has also worked with growers to help minimize the spread of Vine Mealybug populations throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Joel has been an exemplary bicycle commuter and advocate for safe passage for cyclists as he has ridden to work nearly every day for 31 of his 33 years of service to the County, in freezing temperatures, searing heat, fog and rain. He has reduced his carbon footprint by at least 18 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e (carbon dioxide equivalent) by riding his bike to work; and

**WHEREAS**, Joel has exceptional customer service skills, always willing to help out when short staffed and has been the “go to” person for many inquires as he has a wealth of knowledge about the office and various programs. Joel will be greatly missed by his co-workers, not only for his dedication and outstanding work ethic but also for his witty sense of humor and infectious laughter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Brad Wagenknecht, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend Joel King for his 33 years of loyal service to the public; and his co-workers, friends and the citizens of the County of Napa appreciate Joel for all of his hard work and dedication and wish him many years of happiness in his retirement.

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**Chairman Brad Wagenknecht**

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