



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS MONTH – October 2014

WHEREAS, approximately 400,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 400,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the United States, and the national survival rate from cardiac arrest is a dismal 10%; and

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) can happen to any person regardless of age, education, race or socio-economic background. Individuals and families can take simple steps to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the symptoms of SCA is key: a victim has collapsed and cannot be awakened. Also important is knowing what actions to take - calling 9-1-1 and correctly applying CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) - pushing hard and fast in the middle of the chest using hands only, and applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) if one is available; and

WHEREAS, taking these actions can double the chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, Napa County communities are working to make their community a "Heartsafe" community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Luce, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as *Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month*, recognizing that increasing awareness will save lives and encourage communities to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Chairman Mark Luce

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