PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week is November 14-20; and

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, November 17, 2004, is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, The Library of Congress, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, and ESRI; and

WHEREAS, GIS is an important part of geography awareness; and

WHEREAS, GIS technology is used to solve problems in areas such as environmental protection, pollution, health care, land use, natural resources, conservation, business efficiency, education and social inequities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Napa GIS was established in 1999 to provide the community with convenient, single-point access to a wide variety of map/parcel information; and

WHEREAS, the role of GIS within the County of Napa government is continuing to grow as more business processes within departments make use of GIS applications; and

WHEREAS, the County of Napa is committed to expanding GIS to make it a community resource available to the schools and general public by providing access to a common foundation of geographic data; and

WHEREAS, last year, GIS day was celebrated in more than 81 countries with enthusiasm from millions of adults and children who were educated about this extraordinary technology; and

WHEREAS, GIS technology strives to be a means of communication, community aid and public interest, now and in the future by providing the ability to store, maintain, process and display geographic data for analysis and decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Luce, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim November 17, 2004 to be ***Geographic Information Systems Day*** in the County of Napa and urge all Napa County residents to participate in GIS day activities to be held at the Napa County Administration Building. These activities will include presentations about GIS and how it is being used at the County of Napa, a Map Gallery featuring cartography from GIS users throughout the county and hands-on demonstrations.

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Mark Luce, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Pamela A. Miller
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors