

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Napa County is the leading producer of quality wine in the State of California accounting for 21% percent of the total value of premium wine produced; and

**WHEREAS**, winegrapes are grown in virtually every corner of the County for processing by more than 542 wineries; and

**WHEREAS**, California grows more than 473,000 acres of winegrapes producing almost 4.1 million tons of grapes per year valued at more than \$2.3 billion, with a direct and indirect impact on the State's economy which totals more than \$15.2 billion, and to which Napa Valley contributes more than \$10.9 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, destructive pests and diseases, including winegrape pests and diseases, pose a significant and imminent threat to Napa's important grape and wine industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce's Disease has infested grape-growing acreage in many California counties, including Napa County, resulting in devastating losses estimated annually at over \$15 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County has a great economic interest in protecting its agricultural products from further destruction by Pierce's Disease; and

**WHEREAS**, a known vector for Pierce's Disease, the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter*, has been determined to carry and spread this disease to many forms of California agriculture, usually with complete destruction to the infected crop; and

**WHEREAS**, to avoid a potentially catastrophic loss to Napa County's winegrape and wine industry, it is important that County residents know more about the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter*.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Diane Dillon, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 to be *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Month* in Napa County and encourage local media, business organizations, wineries and fellow residents to increase their knowledge and awareness of Pierce's Disease and the *Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter* to enable the entire community to prevent the pest from being introduced into Napa County and destroying our crops.

ATTEST:

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Diane Dillon, Chair  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Gladys I. Coil, Clerk of the Board

