PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Honorable W. Scott Snowden was admitted to the California Bar in February 1972 and began engaging in the practice of law with the firm of Coombs, Dunlap, Dunlap and Champlin -- now Coombs & Dunlap -- through 1980; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden began his career in public service in 1980 when appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as a Municipal Court Judge and was one of the youngest persons to become a judge in California; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden has always been recognized as firm but polite, friendly, and at times even light-hearted on the bench, showing very little of the spleen sometimes referred to as "black robe disease," doubtless because he lost his spleen in an automobile accident in the Blue Ridge Mountains when he was an hirsute college student at Washington & Lee University; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden is an avid amateur historian, with a deep knowledge of the old west as well as the world of his great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden has run cattle in Conn Valley, where each was named after a major Watergate figure; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden is well regarded as a semi-professional fisherperson who has invented and named fishing flies and has fished every stream in the west from Hot Creek to Hat Creek; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden can be seen going to Sunshine Foods 2-3 times *every evening* (by his own admission) to procure items for his (or Joanne's) culinary creations; and

WHEREAS, Scott Snowden has at all times demonstrated the highest qualities of judicial excellence of integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, adherence to professional ethics, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness in judicial rulings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane Dillon, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors hereby wish to congratulate ***Scott Snowden*** on his retirement and thank him, on behalf of all residents of our County, for his vision and commitment to Napa County.

The foregoing Proclamation was presented by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 23rd day of August 2005.

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Diane Dillon

Paul Wagenknecht

Mark Luce

Bill Dodd

Harold Moskowite

ATTEST:

Pamela Miller

Pamela Miller, Clerk of the Board