



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

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

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act**

**WHEREAS**, on September 3, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law creating America's National Wilderness Preservation System. The Wilderness Act made it the "policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness...designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition."; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, inspired by the 1964 Wilderness Act, established its own exemplary state wilderness system, which has preserved state lands in a wild condition in a manner similar to federal wilderness areas; and

**WHEREAS**, wilderness areas provide immense value to our nation as natural habitats for diverse species of wildlife; as destinations for family camping trips, as venues for hiking, hunting, and fishing; as protectors of wild rivers and their watersheds; and as places to inspire awe, wonder and delight. The iconic wilderness areas of our region, including the federally-designated Cedar Roughts which lies within the borders of Napa County, draw tourists from across the country and around the world bolstering local businesses and jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act we reflect on the profound influence this legislation has had on the great outdoors, on our lives, and on our national character. We recommit to preserving these areas for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mark Luce, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act and recognize the significance of our National Wilderness Preservation System on America's cultural, scientific, historical and spiritual heritage.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Luce", is written over a horizontal line.

**Mark Luce, Chair**  
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS