

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, January is designated as *National Glaucoma Awareness Month* in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma is a group of progressively degenerative eye diseases that damages the optic nerve in the eye, leading to vision loss and eventually blindness; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world according to the World Health Organization, and the number one leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States among African-Americans and people of color, including Native American populations; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older have glaucoma, and approximately 120,000 Americans are blind from glaucoma, accounting for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, presently there is no cure for glaucoma.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, finds that raising glaucoma awareness through public education and outreach programs is critical to the treatment of eye disease and the prevention of blindness.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, hereby recognize January as *National Glaucoma Awareness Month* and encourage its constituent families and neighbors, employees and all citizens to protect their vision by getting regular and complete eye examinations from qualified eye care professionals, and to support research and educational opportunities that lead to an eventual cure.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the County of Napa Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2006.

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Bill Dodd, Chairman  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Miller, Clerk of the Board