

Proclamation



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

COMMUNITY STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION —March 21, 2017

WHEREAS, the entire Napa County Community - County, Cities, and Town – as well as our law enforcement agencies, and business, non-profit, and faith communities, recognize the long and rich history of immigrants who have contributed to our local economy; they have become leaders in agriculture, tourism, education, business, healthcare, and other professions; and

WHEREAS, our county is a diverse one - with foreign-born residents comprising over 23% of the County's total population; they annually account for over \$1 billion of the region's Gross Domestic Product; and

WHEREAS, the building of a welcoming community is fundamental to a vibrant and inclusive Napa County. We want to assure immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers opportunities for empowerment, civic engagement, safety, and freedom from discrimination, oppression and violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important for our leadership to make a statement of support to the immigrant community and for our county to be a place of trust and safety for immigrants who live and work in our communities; and

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and our local agencies, including law enforcement, and schools, is essential to effective execution of basic local functions; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the health, well-being and civil rights of all people -- regardless of their immigration status -- through a dynamic and responsive process that respects the community's diversity, is a shared responsibility of Napa County leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we aspire to be a model for inclusion and equity for all populations, including immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers and are committed to supporting the ongoing inclusion and long-term economic and social integration of newcomers, and to demonstrate values of unity and acceptance.

Alfredo Pedroza
Chair, Board of Supervisors