

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, alcoholism and drug dependency are chronic disorders with genetic, psychosocial and environmental factors influencing their development and manifestations; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention efforts can be effective in reducing the psychosocial and environmental factors; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1 in 10 individuals suffer from an alcohol or drug problem, which in Napa County translates to about 12,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, between 25-35% of Napa County 11<sup>th</sup> graders have binged within the previous 30-day period; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and drugs are the third leading cause of death in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated alcoholism and drug addiction cost the State's workplaces billions of dollars in lost productivity, absenteeism, and accidents every year; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated addiction contributes to unwanted pregnancy, school dropouts, suicide, crime, juvenile delinquency, dysfunctional families, poverty, joblessness, homelessness, ill health, mental illness, HIV infection, hepatitis and other deadly infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment and recovery programs can reduce unnecessary State health care costs, reduce costs of lost productivity and increase State productivity by getting more workers into recovery, reduce the number of people in jails and prisons, reduce street and gang violence, reduce school dropout rates, reduce the cost of crime, the rate of recidivism, and the burden on law enforcement officials; and reduce the total financial drain on our economy, and improve the quality of life for individuals and for society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of individuals are living sober productive lives and paying taxes in this State and our community as a result of prevention, treatment or recovery services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Dodd, Chair of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim September, 2006 as **Recovery Happens Month**, a supporting event of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery month, to demonstrate our continued support and commitment to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, and encourage individuals and communities from throughout the State to participate in its activities.

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Bill Dodd, Chair  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Pamela A. Miller  
Clerk of the Board