

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers literally help feed the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products across the country and around the globe. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our nation's rich agricultural resources as they contribute to the health and well being of our country and to the strength of our economy; and

WHEREAS, during National Farm-City Week, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers including farmers and ranchers, shippers, processors, marketers, retailers, truck drivers, inspectors and others who annually contribute more than \$1.3 trillion to our gross domestic product. The agricultural industry provides us with food, wine and clothing as well as fuel for our energy needs. And, as we welcome new opportunities for trade, the hard work and successful cooperation between farmers and city workers will continue to play a vital role in our county's and nation's future; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City collaborations help maintain and improve our food and fiber supply and contribute to a better quality of life for countless citizens. We commend the many Americans whose hard work and ingenuity reflect the true spirit of America and help to ensure a prosperous future for all; and

WHEREAS, this week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital Farm-City partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Dodd, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim November 17-23, 2006 as Farm-City Week. I call upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products.

Bill Dodd, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Mary Jean McLaughlin
Clerk of the Board