

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, meaningful Parent Leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful leadership roles and present a “parent voice” to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Parents Anonymous Inc. has created National Parent Leadership Month to recognize the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Napa County recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assists public systems and private organizations, policymakers and other key stakeholders to effectively implement Parent Leadership strategies; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is a necessary component in any effective family strengthening and family support program; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is successfully achieved when parents receive support and training and share responsibility, expertise and leadership in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices and programs that affect families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers and key stakeholders to shape policy and practice and build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Parents Anonymous Inc. developed the National Parent Leadership Team, an innovative model that actively supports parents in meaningful Parent Leadership roles to help shape programs, practices, policies and legislation that impact families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Parents Anonymous Inc. developed the first state-level Parent Leadership Team in California to work as their partners to provide Parent Leadership training and technical assistance to parents and professionals in all counties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month recognizes, honors and celebrates parents for the vital leadership roles in their homes and communities and in local, state, national and international arenas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Harold Moskowitz, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors hereby declare February 2007 at *National Parent Leadership Month* and recommend this observance to all of our citizens.

ATTEST:

Mary Jean McLaughlin
Acting Clerk of the Board

Harold Moskowitz, Chairman
Napa County Board of Supervisors