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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Priscilla Rodrigues for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
UC Cooperative Extension  
**REPORT BY:** Priscilla Rodrigues, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4221  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation of 90 years of the 4-H Youth Development Program in Napa County

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation commemorating 90 years of the 4-H Youth Development Program in Napa County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Presentation of a proclamation commemorating 90 years of the 4-H Youth Development Program in Napa County. October 1-7 is National 4-H Week.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The 4-H Youth Development Program began in response to young people and their need for a better agricultural education. Families in neighborhood communities joined together to organize themselves into 4-H community clubs. The community club model engaged youth through "learning by doing" and centered on farm related activities. Parents served as volunteer leaders partnering with educators to provide appropriate curriculum and

materials. No one individual is credited with originating the 4-H program; rather it was founded through collective efforts.

In Napa County, the 4-H Youth Development Program began in 1916. This year we celebrate our 90th anniversary.

The Napa County 4-H Youth Development Program focuses on helping youth learn "life skills", and members explore science, technology, ecology, animal science, agriculture, home economics, engineering and other projects. Through 4-H projects, members practice skills such as conversation, critical thinking, time management and decision-making. 4-H Community Clubs offer opportunities for members to belong to an organized group where they can explore leadership and teamwork skills while building lifelong friendships.

In the early 1900's, the 4-H emblem was used nationally. It originally was a three-leaf clover until a fourth clover was added in 1911. The four-leaf clover represents head, heart, hands and health.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey