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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters  
Elections  
**REPORT BY:** John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 253-4459  
**SUBJECT:** Registrar of Voters requests High School Voter Registration Month Proclamation

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Registrar of Voters and the County Superintendent of Schools request the Board proclaim the month of May 2006, "Napa County High School Voter Registration Month" to encourage high school students who will be 18 years of age on or before June 6, 2006 to register to vote and to vote in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Registrar of Voters requests the Board to proclaim the month of May 2006, "Napa County High School Voter Registration Month" to encourage high school students who will be 18 years of age on or before June 6, 2006 to register to vote and to vote in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. Barbara Nemko, County Superintendent of Schools, is Honorary Co-Chair of this effort and joins in this request.

### **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**

One of the primary goals of the Registrar of Voter is to encourage every eligible voter to register to vote. Nationally approximately 72% of eligible voters registered to vote in 2004. However, the registration rate among 18 to 24 year old was only 58%.

A second goal is to encourage every registered voter to vote. In California in 2004, 65% of voters 25 years of age or older turned out to vote while only 45% of 18 to 24 year old registered voters voted.

The purpose of the proclamation is to encourage all Napa County High School Students who will attain the legal voting age of 18 on or before Primary Election Day June 6, 2006 to register to vote, to learn about the voting process, to become educated on the issues before them and to join in community decision-making as citizens cast their ballots on election day, this year and every year thereafter.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman