

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, visionary leaders in Napa County realized that agriculture is and should continue to be the predominant land use in the fertile valley and foothill areas of Napa County, where uses incompatible to agriculture should be precluded and where the development of urban type uses would be detrimental to continuance of agriculture and the maintenance of open spaces, which are economic and aesthetic attributes and assets of Napa County; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1968, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 274, establishing the Agricultural Preserve District and protecting 25,950 acres from development; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing 40 years, the subsequent Boards of Supervisors and community leaders have continued to protect the agricultural character of Napa County through public and private efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 610, increasing the minimum parcel size in the Agricultural Preserve District from 20 acres to 40 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the voters of Napa County passed Measure A, limiting the population growth in the unincorporated county areas to 1 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the voters of Napa County passed Measure J, prohibiting the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses without a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, today and in the future, agriculture will continue to be the heart and soul of Napa Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare April 2008 as **Agricultural Preserve Appreciation Month** and pledge to continue to support the letter and intent of the Ag Preserve in order to ensure its vital role in Napa County's future.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California at a regular meeting of said Board held on April 1, 2008.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Gladys Coil
Clerk of the Board