

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Napa County is the leading producer of quality wine in the State of California accounting for 21 percent of the total value of premium wine produced; and

WHEREAS, winegrapes are grown in virtually every corner of the County for processing by more than 391 wineries; and

WHEREAS, California grows more than 481,000 acres of winegrapes producing 3.6 million tons of grapes per year valued at more than \$2.4 billion, with a direct and indirect impact on the State's economy which totals more than \$45 billion, and to which Napa Valley contributes more than \$9 billion; and

WHEREAS, destructive pests and diseases, including winegrape pests and diseases, pose a significant and imminent threat to Napa's important grape and wine industry; and

WHEREAS, Pierce's Disease has infested grape-growing acreage in many California counties, including Napa County, resulting in devastating losses estimated annually at \$42 million; and

WHEREAS, Napa County has a great economic interest in protecting its agricultural products from further destruction by Pierce's Disease; and

WHEREAS, a known vector for Pierce's Disease, the **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter**, has been determined to carry and spread this disease to many forms of California agriculture, usually with complete destruction to the infected crop; and

WHEREAS, to avoid a potentially catastrophic loss to Napa County's winegrape and wine industry, it is important that County residents know more about the **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Dodd, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May, 2006 to be **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Month** in Napa County and encourage local media, business organizations, wineries and fellow residents to increase their knowledge and awareness of Pierce's Disease and the **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter** to enable the entire community to prevent the pest from being introduced into Napa County and destroying our crops.

ATTEST:

Bill Dodd, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

Pamela A. Miller
Clerk of the Board