

CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

Recognizing “Imagine a Day Without Water” Campaign *October 19, 2023*

WHEREAS, every day residents and businesses use water without worrying whether it will be available when they turn on the tap and rarely consider the extensive water system that delivers that clean drinking water to them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa maintains an extensive network of facilities spanning over 60 square miles throughout Napa County including two local watersheds, dams, and reservoirs, three water treatment plants, nine pump stations, 12 storage tanks, and 360 miles of pipe; in addition to having 68 dedicated City employees to operate and manage this infrastructure 24/7 to ensure low cost, high quality, reliable water service for more than 87,000 people in the City and unincorporated Napa County; and

WHEREAS, water infrastructure is the lifeline of our communities; a day without water would be a public health and safety crisis, limiting the abilities of safety personnel, such as firefighters and hospital staff, as well as businesses and homes to function; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa has proactively invested in water supplies, treatment plants, and the distribution system to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of water to residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, approximately 140 miles of the City’s water mains are 60 years of age or older and the Hennessey Treatment Plant is over 40 years old which will require a prudent investment of capital funds to replace; and the City has increased annual capital improvement program investments from \$1 million per year in 2010 to \$6 million per year in 2023 while continuing to provide service at some of the lowest water rates in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, our water infrastructure supports every facet of our daily lives yet faces great challenges, and investing in our drinking water systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come so that no one will have to imagine a day when they wake up to brush their teeth, take a shower, flush the toilet, or water the lawn and nothing comes out of the tap.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, on behalf of the Napa City Council do hereby recognize that reliable access to clean water is essential to our quality of life and support educating the public about the value of water through the “**Imagine a Day Without Water**” campaign being held **October 19, 2023**, an effort of more than 1,000 organizations across the country raising awareness about the crucial need for investment in our water systems.

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA