

**CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION**

***Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2015***

WHEREAS, The month of April 2015 is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in California, and throughout the United States, with the theme for this year being **“It’s Time to Act: Safer Campuses. Brighter Futures. Prevent Sexual Violence.”** This April, join the conversation. Focus on our commitment to safer campuses and brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of the City of Napa. It’s about every person being able to make consensual, respectful, and informed choices. There is no room for pressure, violence, or control. We will challenge unhealthy messages and stereotypes in our culture and the media. We will use our voices to counter misrepresentation and promote respect; and

WHEREAS, for over 33 years Sexual Assault Victims Services, a program of NEWS, has led the way in addressing sexual assault by providing 24-hour hotline services to survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, NEWS’ Sexual Assault Victim Services for Napa County requests public support and assistance as it continues its effort to create a future where all women, men and children can live free from violence and exploitation. In collaboration with NEWS’ Sexual Assault Victim Services, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions. We can all create positive change for safer campuses and brighter futures; ***It’s Time.....***

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim the ***month of April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month*** in Napa and I commend this observance to all citizens.

Dated: April 7, 2015

JILL TECHEL, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA