

CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

Community Statement of Immigration *April 4, 2017*

WHEREAS, The entire Napa County Community – County, Cities, and Town – as well as our law enforcement agencies, and business, non-profit, and faith communities, recognize the long and rich history of immigrants who have contributed to our local economy; they have become leaders in agriculture, tourism, education, business, healthcare, and other professions; and

WHEREAS, our county is diverse; with foreign-born residents comprising over 23% of the County's total population; these residents annually account for over \$1 billion of the region's Gross Domestic Product; and

WHEREAS, the building and sustainment of a welcoming community is fundamental to a vibrant and inclusive community; immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers should be assured opportunities for empowerment, civic engagement, safety, and freedom from discrimination, oppression and violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important for our leadership to make a statement of support to the immigrant community and for our county to be a place of trust and safety for immigrants who live and work in our communities; and

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and our local agencies, including law enforcement and schools, is essential to effective execution of basic local functions; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the health, well-being and civil rights of all people – regardless of their immigration status – through a dynamic and responsive process that respects the community's diversity, is a shared responsibility of leadership throughout Napa County, including the City of Napa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the members of the City Council of the City of Napa, do hereby proclaim that we aspire to be a model for inclusion and equity for all populations, including immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers, and are committed to supporting the ongoing inclusion and long-term economic and social integration of newcomers, and to demonstrate values of unity and acceptance.

Dated: April 4, 2017

JILL TECHEL, MAYOR

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