

CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

Napa Master Gardeners 20th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The University of California Master Gardeners of Napa County program is a volunteer organization and a part of the University of California Cooperative Extension, providing research-based scientific information to Napa home gardeners; and

WHEREAS, the UC Master Gardeners of Napa County Program started in 1995 through the efforts of Dean Donaldson, UCCE Environmental Horticulture Advisory and County Director, and has trained 385 residents as volunteers with 145 currently active certified Master Gardeners who donated an average of 90 hours per year and have reached 98,000 participants over the life of the program; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners Volunteers answer gardening questions, diagnose plant problems and provide horticultural information to the Napa community at a help desk, mobile help desk, farmers markets and through workshops for local citizens and community groups; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners Volunteers partner with the City of Napa and local organizations to offer events and programs such as home composting and water-wise workshops, a demonstration garden at Connolly Ranch Education Center, providing school garden resources and assistance to Moving Forward Towards Independence, garden tours and tomato education day to raise community awareness and educate the gardening public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby recognize the **UC Master Gardeners of Napa County** for their outstanding educational efforts serving the citizens of Napa for the past 20 years.

Dated: August 18, 2015

JILL TECHEL, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA