

CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

Recognizing “Imagine a Day Without Water” Campaign *October 21, 2019*

WHEREAS, every day citizens 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 a \$480 million network including two local watersheds, dams, and reservoirs, three water treatment plants, nine pump stations, 12 storage tanks, and 350 miles of pipe; in addition to having 65 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 critical in protecting public health during the coronavirus pandemic; and the City of Napa has proactively invested in water treatment and supplies to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of water in challenging times; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa water system has endured wildfires in 2017 and 2020, with staff taking extraordinary measures to restore water service quickly to damaged areas and provide aid to neighboring water agencies; additionally, staff routinely respond to other emergencies like Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events and pipe leaks to keep the water flowing to customers; and

WHEREAS, approximately 140 miles of the City’s water mains are 60 years of age or older 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 2022 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jill Techel, 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 sixth annual “Imagine a Day Without Water” campaign being held **October 21, 2020**, an effort of more than 1,000 organizations across the country raising awareness about the crucial need for investment in our water systems.

JILL TECHEL, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA