## CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

## Suicide Prevention Month ~ September 2025

- **WHEREAS**, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council (SPC), is a public and private collaborative of people and organizations who are dedicated to reducing stigma around suicide, supporting those who have lost loved ones to suicide, identifying and advocating for resources and promoting a safe, connected and resilient community to reduce the risk of suicide; and
- **WHEREAS**, in the last eight years NCSPC has worked tirelessly to reach their vision of a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, linkage to services, and provision of resources to strengthen protective factors and support those impacted by suicide; and
- **WHEREAS**, in Napa County, adults over age 60 experience the highest rates of death by suicide, and firearm and hanging or suffocation accounts for about 8 in 10 deaths by suicide; and
- WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 23-24, the SPC published a 3-year Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention which reflects the priorities, accomplishments, and needs for suicide prevention in Napa County. This past fiscal year, SPC trained 249 youth and 387 adults, for a total of 636 community members, in the Question, Persuade, Refer model of suicide prevention; and
- **WHEREAS**, in partnership with Napa County Health and Human Services, the SPC organized and will host the second annual Suicide Prevention Conference on September 17, 2025 with the theme of Beyond Awareness: Allies in Action for Suicide Prevention; and
- **WHEREAS**, this year's conference learning opportunities will focus on population groups at high risk of suicide, including older adults, veterans, and LGBTQ+ youth, who are facing increased discrimination and oppression as a result of changing federal policies; and
- **WHEREAS**, every City of Napa resident can be an ally by knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate with someone they are concerned about, and reaching out to local resources for help.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim *September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Month.* 

Dated: September 2, 2025		
SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR		
CITY OF NAPA		