



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA**

DECLARATION OF NAPA COUNTY AS A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, in 2008, Karen Armstrong, an internationally-noted religious scholar, was awarded a \$ 100,000 TED prize that she used to launch a Charter for Compassion (“Charter”), which has become a global movement to create a more compassionate world where peace and caring and the Golden Rule prevail; and

WHEREAS, at least 57 communities across the globe have signed onto the Charter for Compassion and 281 communities are actively organizing to create a compassion action plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Napa Valley Center for Spiritual Living (“NVCSL”) participated in a symposium put on by Thrive Napa Valley where the Charter for Compassion was introduced. The NVCSL has since signed the Charter for Compassion, thereby becoming the first faith-based organization to declare themselves “Compassionate”; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of NVCSL and Thrive Napa Valley, Compassionate Napa Valley was formed—a group that meets monthly and whose goals for our community are to: 1) live as compassionate beings; 2) foster compassionate values; and 3) inspire compassionate action; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Napa County Public Health Division signed the Charter and committed to compassion as the fundamental principle guiding public health work, and then integrated creating a compassionate Napa Valley into several strategies in Live Healthy Napa Valley. In addition, numerous Napa County residents, County employees, and Napa-based groups and non-profits have shared examples of compassionate action in our community and have pledged to demonstrate compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Diane Dillon, on behalf of Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare Napa County as a community that aspires to be compassionate. We recognize that building more, doing more, and earning more will not make Napa County a better place. Our true wealth is the people in our community. We therefore call upon all of the members of this community to embrace this worthy goal and to be compassionate in both their private and public lives.

Diane Dillon, Chair

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