

Marin County
Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING
WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL
AWARENESS WEEK
APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2005

WHEREAS, West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating cases of neurological illness, persistent symptoms, and death to humans, horses, avian species, and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, In 2004 in California, West Nile virus killed 28 people and is known to have sickened 779 individuals; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus poses a significant public health threat in California in 2005; and

WHEREAS, West Nile virus was detected in eighteen birds in Marin County in 2004 and has already been detected in mosquitoes, birds, and chickens in northern and southern California in 2005; and

WHEREAS, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance, and public awareness programs are the best ways to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and the many other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors which cause illness and sometimes death in California (e.g. plague, Lyme disease, encephalitis, hanta virus); and

WHEREAS, State and local agencies are actively conducting surveillance activities to detect West Nile virus in California, and

WHEREAS, Mosquito and vector control districts throughout the State of California work closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito and vector-borne diseases and nuisance attacks;

WHEREAS, State and local mosquito and vector control agencies are aggressively conducting mosquito control, with the Marin Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District utilizing least toxic integrated pest management practices in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, public awareness can result in decreased West Nile virus disease incidence through public motivation to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites on private property, responsible parties reducing mosquito and vector production on commercial and public lands, avoidance of the bites of mosquitoes and other vectors, detection of human cases of mosquito and vector-borne diseases, and support of beneficial, safe, and appropriately and professionally applied mosquito and vector control methods; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County West Nile Virus Task Force is actively engaged in increasing public awareness of Marin County residents about how to prepare for and respond to the arrival of West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS, "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" will increase the public's awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in the State of California;

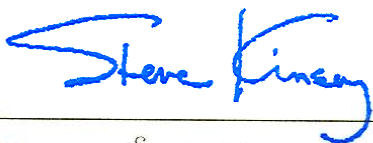
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims April 25 – May 1, 2005 as West Nile Virus Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week for 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 26th day of April, 2005, by the following vote:

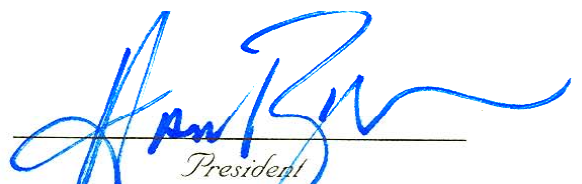
AYES: SUPERVISORS Charles McGlashan, Susan L. Adams, Steve Kinsey,
Cynthia L. Murray, Harold C. Brown, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None



Supervisor



President



Clerk

