Napa County Office of Education Barbara Nemko, Ph.D., Superintendent

RESOLUTION # 2023-04

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION 2023-04: SUPPORTING SAFE GUN STORAGE

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Education recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of its students, staff, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Education is committed to promoting safe gun storage practices to reduce the risk of injury and death caused by unsecured firearms; and

WHEREAS, at least 554 children, educators, and school staff have been victims of school shootings since 1999. During that period, 311,000 children have been exposed to gun violence at schools; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Education acknowledges that many unintentional shootings involving children occur as a result of unsecured firearms that are easily accessible to minors; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Education recognizes that the safe storage of firearms can help prevent unauthorized access to firearms, theft of firearms, and suicide by firearms

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

- 1. The Napa County Board of Education encourages all firearm owners within the county to practice safe gun storage by keeping firearms unloaded and locked up when not in use, using trigger locks, or storing firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, or storage case.
- 2. The Napa County Board of Education encourages all parents and guardians to educate their children about the dangers of firearms and the importance of safe gun storage practices.
- 3. The Napa County Board of Education supports the Superintendent in communicating with parents and guardians to promote safe gun storage practices and provide resources for families to learn about safe gun storage options via annual notification in our registration materials.
- 4. The Napa County Board of Education encourages local businesses to sell gun locks and storage devices and educate customers about the importance of safe gun storage practices.
- 5. The Napa County Board of Education calls upon the community to support efforts to promote safe gun storage practices and reduce the risk of injury and death caused by unsecured

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Napa County Board of Education and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform county parents of their duty to store firearms in their homes safely.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION 2023-04 WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Napa County Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board held on the **7th day of March**, **2023**, by the following vote:

AYES:

Jennifer Kresge, Ann Cash, Don Huffman, Janna Waldinger, Sindy Biederman,

Jean Donaldson, Gerry Parrott

NOES:

None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Secretary of the Napa County Board of Education

<u>3/13/2023</u> Date