

**PROCLAIMING
WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL
AWARENESS WEEK
APRIL 23-29, 2007**

WHEREAS, in the last two years, West Nile virus has killed 24 people in California and sickened nearly 1,200 others; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus will again pose a grave public health threat in California in 2007; 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 other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to help the public understand how to protect themselves from West Nile virus by: staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk; wearing pants, long-sleeved shirts and repellents containing DEET; eliminating standing water that can support mosquito breeding, and alerting the local vector control district to significant mosquito infestations; 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 mosquito and vector research and control agencies and their professional staff 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 23 through April 29, 2007, 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 23-29, 2007 as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 17th day of April 2007.