

WHEREAS, the Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. The City of Santa Rosa is home to a significant Latino population who celebrate the Cinco de Mayo holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa wishes to honor the community groups and individuals who have helped organize an annual Cinco de Mayo Festival that is family- oriented, nonalcoholic, secure, collaborative, and fun; and

WHEREAS, this year commemorates the eleventh year that this annual festival has taken place in the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, community groups, businesses, and non-profits have dedicated their time and energy toward building the capacity of local residents to take ownership of the planning process by empowering them with the tools and resources necessary to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa acknowledges the positive, safe, and peaceful changes that this celebration has encouraged and promoted and the contributions of committee members such as Sylvia Lemus, Caroline Bañuelos, Lilia Gonzalez, Carmen Garcia, Jessica Quijas, Ana Topete, Linda Lemus, Eric Koenigshofer, and Rene Meza; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes the strong commitment to continue this yearly celebration as a united and committed community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby thank every member of the

## CINCO DE MAYO PLANNING COMMITTEE



Mayor John Sawyer

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