



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership) is a transparent and collaborative effort of over 50 organizations involving parents, schools, community & faith-based organizations, as well as government and local law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of this work is to strengthen youth and families and to create safe communities by leading, mobilizing, and aligning our community resources for Santa Rosa youth to connect with their families, schools, communities, and futures; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-range goal of The Partnership is to create a unified and continuous service delivery system of shared accountability that streamlines all local youth and gang violence awareness, prevention, intervention, and reentry efforts, thus creating a public health model aimed at supporting Santa Rosa youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Partnership is working to implement a well-coordinated continuum of services through the fundamental pillars: Invest, Lead, and Educate, aimed at building resiliency in youth and keeping Santa Rosa families safe and engaged at schools, community centers, parks, and throughout our neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Partnership continuously enhances its community outreach and awareness strategies of informing and educating the public about The Partnership's efforts, impact, and outcomes aimed at preventing youth and gang violence; and

**WHEREAS**, The Partnership has served over 30,000 youth and families through Measure O funding since 2004 by aligning and mobilizing partners such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County, California Youth Outreach, Community Action Partnership, Social Advocates for Youth, and various organizations and initiatives that align with the mission, vision, and values of The Partnership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 to be the 9<sup>th</sup> annual

### **GANG PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK**



  
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Mayor Chris Coursey  
September 19, 2017