



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, water is essential for every living creature and is a precious and limited natural resource that must be stewarded wisely for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa is the purveyor of the water resource in the Santa Rosa community; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of Santa Rosa's growing population and the welfare of our community depends on a reliable, high quality water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, because water is a precious resource, wise use of water should be considered a way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa Water encourages citywide understanding and appreciation of the value of water efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa community has long demonstrated a commitment to using water wisely by minimizing water waste, installing over 56,000 water efficient toilets and nearly 15,000 high efficiency clothes washers, and converting 3.56 million square feet of lawn to low water use landscapes; and

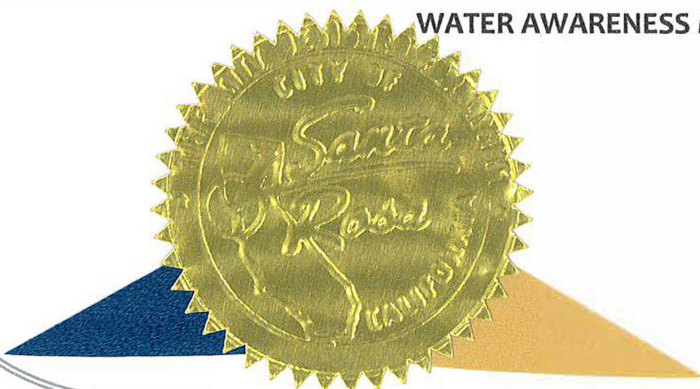
**WHEREAS**, the implementation of water use efficiency programs has resulted in an annual reduction of approximately 866 metric tons of greenhouse gases and 6,498 megawatt hours of energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa is the owner and operator of the Regional Water Reuse System; and is one of the largest recyclers of water, producing high-quality recycled water for many purposes including irrigation of parks, commercial businesses, and a community garden; and

**WHEREAS**, for every drop of recycled water used, a drop of potable water is saved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, encourage all citizens to "Use Water Wisely--There's never enough to waste!!" and proclaim May 2019 as

### WATER AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
May 7, 2019