



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS;** the grapevines of Sonoma County have awakened from their winter slumber, and hopes for another good harvest run high; and

**WHEREAS;** the 400 Sonoma County wineries—including many in Santa Rosa—produce wines from more than 60 grape varieties that rank among the world’s finest; and

**WHEREAS;** Sonoma County boasts a remarkable 19 designated American Viticultural Areas in which grapes are grown, representing all of Sonoma County’s beautiful ecosystems that include oceanside meadows, mountain hillsides, and valleys cooled by marine fog; and

**WHEREAS;** Sonoma County wineries produce wine worth \$8 billion annually, inspire an additional \$1.2 billion in tourism for Santa Rosa and the County, support one out of every four local jobs, and draw visitors from around the world to our City; and

**WHEREAS;** Sonoma County Vintners is the leading voice of Sonoma County wine, represents more than 250 local wineries, and has helped establish Sonoma County as one of the world’s premier wine regions; and

**WHEREAS;** the Sonoma County Vintners Foundation has donated more than \$42 million to local non-profit organizations to strengthen our community; and

**WHEREAS;** the City of Santa Rosa celebrates the legacy of Kanaye Nagasawa: pioneer of Santa Rosa winemaking, former Samurai warrior, the first Japanese national to live permanently in the United States, and the winemaker who introduced Sonoma County wine to Europe and Asia. At the same time, we raise our glass to the thousands of current local workers who create delicious local wine for the world to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS;** Sonoma County wineries will toast Wine Month with an amazing, diverse, and tasty offerings throughout Sonoma County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Sonoma County Wine Month in the City of Santa Rosa.

### SONOMA COUNTY WINE MONTH IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA



Mayor Natalie Rogers  
April 16, 2024