



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership) is a collaborative effort of over 50 organizations involving local, state, and national governments, community-based organizations, schools, business and faith communities, and local law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of this work is to incorporate a public health approach by intervening in the lives of youth to provide positive socialization opportunities as alternatives to criminal involvement and to deter them from maladaptive behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-range goal of The Partnership is to create a united and seamless service delivery system of shared accountability that links together all local youth and gang violence prevention, intervention, and reentry efforts, thus creating a safety net effect aimed at preventing any youth from slipping through the cracks; and

**WHEREAS**, The Partnership is working to standardize and implement a well-coordinated continuum of services aimed at keeping youth safe at schools, community centers, parks, and in their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, of primary importance to this effort is the establishment of communication among The Partnership, and the many stakeholders who work together in a collaborative effort; and

**WHEREAS**, The Partnership continues the awareness strategy of informing and educating the public of the efforts, impact, and results of The Partnership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to be the

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GANG PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK**



  
Mayor John Sawyer

September 13, 2016