



Proclamation

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaskan Natives were the first to live on this land and “their traditions and values have inspired the ideas of self-governance and determination that are the framework” of our country; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Senate Joint Resolution 172 in 1991 which “authorizes and requests the President to proclaim the month of November 1991, and the month of each November thereafter, as American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month;” and

WHEREAS, as stated by President Barack Obama, “we must acknowledge the unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation against American Indians, as well as the effects of injustices that continue to be felt;” and

WHEREAS, American Indians traditionally experience greater health disparities and lower life expectancies compared to other Americans. Heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries and diabetes are the leading cause of death among American Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. was established in 1971 by leaders from the Indian communities of Sonoma County with the goal to provide healthcare to all American Indians in Sonoma County and to provide services in a manner that is sensitive to the culture and traditions of Local Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Indian Health Project’s tribal consortium includes Cloverdale, Dry Creek, Graton, Lytton, Manchester Point Area, and Stewarts Point Rancherias, and serves a total of 8,300 residents in Santa Rosa/Sonoma County. Services provided include general health services and health education, dental health, behavioral health, pharmaceutical services, WIC and nutrition services, and diabetes prevention and management services.

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 recognize the Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. and their contributions to Santa Rosa as part of

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH



Mayor John Sawyer
November 29, 2016