

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year and about 70 percent happen at home; and only about 1 in 10 survive; and more than 23,000 children under the age of 18 experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year in the United States and almost 40 percent of these are sports related; and

WHEREAS, CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of survival; and only about 46 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from people nearby while waiting for emergency responders to arrive, and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling the survival from cardiac arrest by 2030 by turning bystanders into lifesavers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, recognize the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, and the effort to double the survival rate from cardiac arrest, do hereby proclaim February 2025 to be

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Mayor Mark Stapp February 25, 2025