



Proclamation

WHEREAS, 30 million people in the United States are living with rare diseases. There are 7,000 different types of rare diseases worldwide, with more being discovered each day; and

WHEREAS, Desmoid Tumors are one of these rare diseases. In the United States, these tumors affect approximately 900 new people each year; and

WHEREAS, there are more than a handful of people battling Desmoid Tumors in Sonoma County right now. Battling to find their diagnosis, and to find a treatment that works – among a sea of treatment options that do not work for many; and

WHEREAS, Desmoid Tumors are aggressive, invasive, and potentially life-threatening. Yet due to lack of awareness, research is limited; medical professionals are mis-educated; and patients continue to suffer through pain, mobility dysfunction, organ dysfunction and worse due to the tumor's effects on the body; and

WHEREAS, the Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation (DTRF) provides hope for the future of the Desmoid Tumor community. Through fundraising, research, and awareness promotion – they seek to find answers; and

WHEREAS, every year, in September, the DTRF holds their largest fundraiser of the year – a patient/doctor meeting, Running for Answers 5K, and community-wide fundraising across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa acknowledges the importance of the search for a cure, and the plight to raise awareness of Desmoid Tumors and all other rare diseases.

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 proclaim September 2016 as the first annual

DESMOID TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor John Sawyer
August 30, 2016