



*Proclamation of Appreciation*  
*Stephen Burke*

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Burke served the City of Santa Rosa for 28 years, inclusive of roles as Executive Director of Housing, Director of the Housing Authority, and Director of the Redevelopment Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his retirement from the City of Santa Rosa, Stephen served for 16 years as a Housing Authority Commissioner, including election to Housing Authority Chair from 2015-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen has worked tirelessly to meet the City of Santa Rosa's most pressing needs in the areas of fair and equitable distribution of affordable housing to benefit all the City's neighborhoods and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen's leadership was beneficial in identifying neighborhoods that could benefit from a reduction in violence, and improvement in housing conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen was instrumental in developing high standards of property management and maintenance by encouraging incentives such as low interest loans for responsible landlords; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Stephen diligently promoted the provision of City services in areas where lower-income residents live and depend upon excellent educational, recreational, law enforcement, and public improvement services; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen fiercely encouraged designs of new assisted housing with amenities to meet the special needs of families who most depend upon an enriched living environment; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure as both a Commissioner and Chairperson, Stephen provided gracious leadership in all matters brought before the Housing Authority.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Stephen is recognized as a dedicated community leader who has profoundly made a difference to Santa Rosa's residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Stephen Burke will be greatly missed and is hereby wished continued success in all future endeavors.

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Chair Diane Test  
Housing Authority  
February 27, 2023