

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa's creeks flow to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and then on to the Russian River; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River and its tributary creeks are a rich and diverse system which provides water supply, wildlife habitat, flood capacity, recreation, and aesthetic values to all who live in and visit the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the health of our creeks and rivers depends on the stewardship of all members of the watershed community; and

WHEREAS, trash and debris damages the aesthetic and biological qualities of local waterways, impacting current efforts to restore and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa's Storm Water Management Program strives to protect local creeks through continuing storm water pollution prevention outreach which aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of trash and other pollutants; and

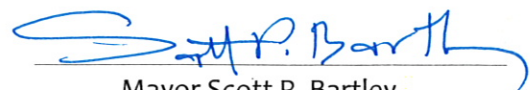
WHEREAS, the Creek Stewardship Program, a joint program of the Sonoma County Water Agency and the City of Santa Rosa, promotes restoration and stewardship of local creeks, and regularly coordinates volunteer clean up events along the City's creeks; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Russian River watershed cities, counties and other stewardship organizations are coming together to declare September 21 – 29 "Creek Week" to encourage the protection, restoration, and maintenance of natural streams and creeks, with a goal of creating local stewardship and education to the general public on the aesthetic, recreational, and ecological values; and

WHEREAS, Creek Week promises to be a time of fun and adventure, full of educational activities for everyone at the local creeks and nature areas, as well as productive clean ups for the Sonoma County area creeks with efforts to draw communities together and encourage the public to take advantage of the activities planned during the week-long celebration of our local creeks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Scott P. Bartley, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21-29, 2013 as

CREEK WEEK



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
September 17, 2013