

**WHEREAS,** we recognize the importance of fostering inclusivity and unity within our community and;

WHEREAS, it is essential to break down barriers of discomfort and fear to bridge gaps between individuals of diverse backgrounds and;

**WHEREAS,** engaging with others and extending a simple greeting can lead to greater understanding and acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, encourage all members of our community to step out of their comfort zones and take the initiative to say "hello" to those they perceive as different from themselves. Be It Further Resolved that this act of kindness and openness will contribute to a more connected, compassionate, and united community, where everyone feels valued and understood.

Mayor Mark Stapp January 7, 2025