



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County has been selected by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to be the lead agency in a community-wide effort to reduce problems associated with binge drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Partnership has launched the Santa Rosa Safe Community Initiative to implement evidenced-based prevention strategies in collaboration with the Santa Rosa Police Department, businesses, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Santa Rosa Junior College and others to change community norms related to drunk driving; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Highway Safety Administration statistics from 2011, there were 9,878 people killed in drunk driving-related motor vehicle crashes with 760 of those deaths occurring during the month of December; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that high-visibility of law enforcement activities such as the National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign and DUI Checkpoints reduce drunk driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent; and

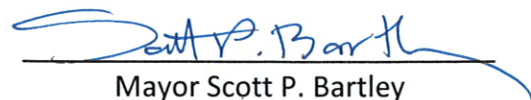
**WHEREAS**, Community Action Partnership and the Santa Rosa Police Department want to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel drunk or buzzed impairs the ability to operate a vehicle safely, impairs judgment, puts lives at risk, increases the likelihood of arrest and brings a wide range of negative consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, starting in mid-December through New Year's Day local law enforcement agencies will be out in force as part of the nation-wide crackdown on drunk driving; and

**WHEREAS**, we wish to promote the responsible options of always driving sober, designating a driver or calling a taxi; drunk driving is never worth the risk.

**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 recognize December 2013 as

**DRIVE SOBER MONTH**



Mayor Scott P. Bartley  
December 10, 2013