



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April is National Volunteer Month to honor and recognize those individuals who volunteer their time and talents with the Santa Rosa Police Department which benefits the Santa Rosa Police Department itself as well as the residents and visitors of the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Police Department's Volunteers in Police Services Program (VIPs) has been in place since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Police Department greatly relies on its VIPs for a variety of services, including Neighborhood Watch Presentations, Citizens Police Academy, Youth Citizens Police Academy, Policía y La Comunidad, Senior Expo, Iron Man, The Human Race, Rose Parade, other Community Events, Downtown Ambassador Program, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement, The Tree Lighting Ceremony, Enforcement of Disabled Parking Laws, Graffiti Abatement, Bike Safety and Bike Rodeos, Photography of Events, and Various Administrative Duties; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, 22 VIPs logged in excess of 4,618 hours, which resulted in a City of Santa Rosa savings of approximately \$215,675.00 during the past year; and

WHEREAS the assistance they provide both the Department and the Community is essential in providing customer service to the Santa Rosa Police Department and to the citizens of the City of Santa Rosa. VIPs help make Santa Rosa a safe place to live, work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, thank and extend gratitude to the

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
April 30, 2019