



City of
Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1985 Miles Ferris was officially hired by the City of Santa Rosa as the first Director of the newly formed Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, Miles came on board at a time when the “state of the nation” was a department under a cease and desist order in place from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Miles took over and developed a high quality department that is highly respected throughout the “Utility Arena.” Miles has supported the organization to be on the cutting edge of the industry by being the first City in Northern California to have advanced (tertiary) treated wastewater and installing the first system in the United States to disinfect 100% of its wastewater with ultraviolet light; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Miles was given the Recycling and Innovation Idea of the Year Award for his innovative approach to recycling reclaimed wastewater... by drinking it; and

WHEREAS, Miles has been a proactive Director evolving with the changing times by continually reorganizing to maintain the most efficient and effective Department; and

WHEREAS, Miles has created a supportive working environment for all Utilities employees and has shown his appreciation by providing positive recognition for the outstanding work performed including visiting employees during week-ends, evenings and holidays when they are needed to provide continued services; and

WHEREAS, Miles has led and been key in all Utilities employees providing outstanding customer service to the citizens of Santa Rosa; and we will miss his excellent management and engineering skills, dedication, and his humorous stories; and

WHEREAS, Miles has led the Department in obtaining its many awards and recognitions including the 2004 WaterReuse Project of the Year Award – Geysers Project and the 2009 AMWA Platinum Award for Utility Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and the citizens of Santa Rosa, wish to thank **Miles A. Ferris** for his 27 years of service.



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
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