



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Police Chief Thomas E. Schwedhelm has unwaveringly served the residents of the City of Santa Rosa for over 30 years with a commitment to making Santa Rosa a safe place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Chief Schwedhelm began his career with Santa Rosa in 1983 as an officer whose assignments included being a member and Team Leader of the Special Response Team, a Defensive Tactics Instructor, a Field Training Officer, a Property Crimes and Violent Crimes detective; and

WHEREAS, Chief Schwedhelm was promoted to Sergeant in 1996, serving as supervisor of the Special Response Team and the Sex Crime and Family Violence Investigations Section. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2002 whose assignments included Watch Commander in the Patrol Bureau and manager of the Special Services Division. He was promoted to Captain in 2004, and his assignments included Division Manager for the Field Services Division and the Special Services Division; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2009, Thomas Schwedhelm was appointed as an Acting Chief of Police. He was then appointed as the official Chief of Police for the City of Santa Rosa on May 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Chief Schwedhelm was instrumental in developing one of the first Victim Services Programs, and participated in or assisted in the implementation of CHOICES, GREAT Program, Family Justice Center, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and the Police Department Succession Planning; and

WHEREAS, Chief Schwedhelm is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, Leadership Santa Rosa, past president of the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association, and holds a Lifetime Limited Services Teaching credential. He received his Associate of Science degree from Santa Rosa Junior College in Administration of Justice in 1993, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College in Business Management in 1997. He received his Master of Arts degree in Psychology focusing on Organizational Development from Sonoma State University in 2005.

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 and thank

THOMAS E. SCHWEDHELM

for his dedication, knowledge, leadership, guidance, and loyalty exhibited in providing for the safety and quality of life for the citizens in the City of Santa Rosa and his commitment to making Santa Rosa a safe place to live, work and play. Chief Schwedhelm will be greatly missed by the City Council, City Management, and City Staff, all of who wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.



Mayor Scott P. Bartley

December 10, 2013