



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Marc Richardson is retiring from the City of Santa Rosa on December 21, 2012 after working for more than twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Marc began his career with the City as at the age of 17 as a Train Operator at Howarth Park earning \$1.35 per hour; Marc quickly rose through the ranks to Recreation Leader and Maintenance Aide; and

WHEREAS, while completing his undergraduate work at Sonoma State University, Marc also served as an Administrative Intern in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, although Marc has spent much of his career as a City employee, he also worked for the City of Salem, Oregon following graduate school at Willamette University; and

WHEREAS, Marc's professional career with the City of Santa Rosa began in 1985 as an Administrative Services Officer for Public Works; he became Assistant to the City Manager and then promoted to Assistant City Manager where he served for 19 years; he assumed responsibility for directing Recreation & Parks in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Marc's passion for running and sports helped the community gain the Run to End Hunger, a 5k and 10k run along the Prince Memorial Greenway created in partnership with Fleet Feet Sports and benefitting the Redwood Empire Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Marc can be very proud of his team for the recreation facilities that were created under his leadership – including development of the Person Senior Wing located at the Finley Community Center, the restoration of the DeTurk Round Barn and the Church of One Tree, and the development of A Place to Play; and

WHEREAS, Marc was a contributor to the development of the Santa Rosa Arts District and creation of the "1% for Art" funding ordinance to bring a better representation of the arts to Santa Rosa through the public art program and installation of several permanent art pieces in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that Marc Richardson is hereby honored for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our community during his twenty-seven year career with the City of Santa Rosa.



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
December 11, 2012