



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The County of Sonoma has an estimated 3,100 individuals who are homeless on any given night, and 57% of that population resides in Santa Rosa. Of the 3,100 who are homeless, two-thirds are sleeping outside without any shelter or housing program; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned individuals led by Ed Buonaccorsi and Paula Shimizu worked together to develop a Code Blue Bike Ride as a way to increase awareness of homelessness in Sonoma County and help fund the services in the winter months as well as purchase and distribute weather-related supplies to the homeless. This resulted in a joint venture between the Sonoma County Bike Coalition and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa wants to highlight the Code Blue Bicycle Ride as a family-friendly event that focuses on bringing attention to the reality of homelessness becoming more severe during winter months, exacerbating life threatening health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Code Blue Bicycle Ride will occur on October 15, 2016. It will launch at Catholic Charities' Family Support Center and ride to Sam Jones Hall homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, on May 1st, Ed Buonaccorsi, Paula Shimizu and associates will ride their bicycles across the United States on a 4,300 mile adventure to raise awareness of homelessness and the problems people face during harsh winter weather. They will also be promoting the actions the City of Santa Rosa has taken around homeless and housing solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, recognize Ed Buonaccorsi, Paula Shimizu, and the Code Blue Advisory Committee for their resolution to promote the City of Santa Rosa and raise awareness around homelessness across the nation.



Mayor John Sawyer
May 1, 2016