

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 Americans to serve their country through an intensive commitment to service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups all across the country; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps establishes "National Service Recognition Day" in which communities nationwide recognize the impact of national service; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Office of Education Community Programs Department recruits, manages and supports over 200 of these members annually who dedicate a year of their lives to service in Santa Rosa and throughout California, provide tutoring and mentoring support to over 1,800 students in four school districts in Napa County, and provide volunteer capacity building to nonprofit and educational organizations in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn valuable work skills and money for continuing education, and make a difference in the lives of our families, communities, and the nation as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm April 2, 2019