



Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is essential for every living creature and is a precious and limited natural resource that must be stewarded wisely for future generations,

WHEREAS, and the City of Santa Rosa is the purveyor of the water resource in the Santa Rosa community; and

WHEREAS, the health of Santa Rosa's growing population and the welfare of our community depend on a reliable, high quality water supply; and

WHEREAS, because water is a precious resource, wise use of water should be considered a way of life; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water encourages citywide understanding and appreciation of the value of water efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa community has long demonstrated a commitment to using water wisely by minimizing water waste, installing more than 54,000 water-efficient toilets and more than 15,600 high efficiency clothes washers, and converting 3.45 million square feet of lawn to low-water-use landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of water-use efficiency programs has resulted in an annual reduction of 832 metric tons of greenhouse gases and 6,242 megawatt hours of energy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is the owner and operator of the Regional Water Reuse System, which is one of the largest recyclers of water, producing high-quality recycled water for many purposes including irrigation of parks, commercial businesses, and a community garden; and

WHEREAS, for every drop of recycled water used a drop of potable water is saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim May 2017 as **WATER AWARENESS MONTH** and encourage all citizens to "Use Water Wisely - There's never enough to waste!"

Mayor Chris Coursey
May 2, 2017