



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Russian River is Sonoma County's premier natural resource, providing water for agriculture, wildlife, recreation, residential and industrial uses; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River is internationally known for its beauty and recreational amenities and has attracted millions of visitors to Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, efforts are now underway to restore and enhance this once world class steelhead stream; and

WHEREAS, tons of trash, junk and debris are annually dumped into the Russian River and along its banks, damaging both the aesthetic and biological qualities of the river; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River Watershed Cleanup Committee, a project of the Sonoma County Conservation Council, sponsored a massive volunteer river cleanup effort each September for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Russian Riverkeepers took over management of the cleanup, and hundreds of volunteers, non-profits, local businesses, agencies and organizations will donate financial support, time and materials to participate in the event; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from all nine cities and the County of Sonoma are asked to sign up to help with the effort by registering at www.russianrivercleanup.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2016 as

RUSSIAN RIVER CLEANUP DAY



Mayor John Sawyer
September 13, 2016