



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, since 2012 The Swain Center has created opportunities for young people with developmental disabilities that impair development of social-emotional skills necessary to acquire pro-social abilities and volunteer in various community settings; and

**WHEREAS**, these 24 volunteers ranging in age 12-22 years participated in two 2-week programs that focus on pro-social activities where they engage in opportunities to add qualities to their community and understand their role and responsibility in community enrichment; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers assumed duties at Full Stride Therapeutic Riding where they groomed, cared and prepared food for the horses that provide therapeutic services for up to 50 handicapped children and adults weekly; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers participated in various tasks at the Redwood Empire Food Bank where they handled and processed over 2000 pounds of food for distribution to their food- challenged neighbors living with food scarcity; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers prepared 85 back-to-school bags for low-income and homeless families that are supported by Catholic Charities of Sonoma County; and

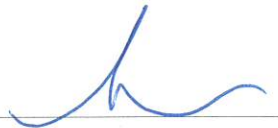
**WHEREAS**, these volunteers made contributions at Sonoma Water supporting river conservation efforts through tasks intended to preserve and improve local river ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers toured and engaged in hands-on workings of Zannah Flower Farm to pick, process and arrange flowers for delivery to residents of Brookdale Assisted Living bringing them joy and happiness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby recognize

**THE SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM: LET'S ADAPT**



  
Mayor Natalie Rogers  
September 24, 2024