



City of
Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County is funded by the California Department of Health Care Services Prevention Services Branch to be the lead agency in a community-wide effort to reduce excessive drinking among 12 to 25 year olds; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership administers the Santa Rosa Safe Community Initiative to implement evidenced-based prevention strategies in collaboration with the Santa Rosa Police Department, local businesses, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, and others to reduce problems associated with high-risk drinking including drunk driving; and

WHEREAS, Drunk and drugged driving remains the number one killer on our roadways, with 802 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) deaths and nearly 24,000 Alcohol Involved Injuries statewide; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Police Department and law enforcement agencies across the county participate in the "Avoid the 13" campaign with activities that target those who get behind the wheel after drinking too much or using drugs by jointly staffing DUI Checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that high-visibility law enforcement activities such as the National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign, DUI Checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols reduce drunk driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership and the Santa Rosa Police Department want to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel drunk or buzzed impairs the ability to operate a vehicle safely, impairs judgment, puts lives at risk, increases the likelihood of arrest, and brings a wide range of negative consequences; and

WHEREAS, Starting in mid-December through New Year's Day local law enforcement agencies will be out in force as part of the national crackdown on drunk driving, and we wish to promote the responsible option of always driving sober, designating a driver, or calling a taxi; drunk driving is never worth the risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Scott P. Bartley, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize December 2014 as

DRIVE SOBER MONTH



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
December 2, 2014