



City of  
Santa Rosa  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Latino Americans are the fastest growing ethnic community in Sonoma County and our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa has a long history of welcoming immigrants and is home to a growing multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Latino population, including citizens originating from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, all of whom make our lives brighter and better; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse Latino population of Santa Rosa makes a significant economic contribution and has many profound positive influences on our community through strong commitment to family, education, professional advancement, vibrant culture, and service to the community. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that are reflected in our multi-ethnic and multi-cultural customs; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa, which thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all of our people, depends on the continued support and success of our diverse Latino population. We will continue to value and be enriched by the cultural contributions of our Latino friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last 26 years, Latino Service Providers, a civic organization comprised of civically active Latino leaders, has brought together individuals from neighborhood groups, schools, behavioral health, public and private health, social services, housing, immigration and naturalization agencies, behavioral help providers, business, criminal justice partners and government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Latino Service Providers has been working with the community to engage, collaborate and exchange valuable information; to increase awareness of available resources, and access to programs and services; to influence public policy, delivery of services, and enhance inter-agency communication; and to promote professional development within the Latino population.

**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 thank Latino Service Providers for their work dedicated to building a better future for Sonoma County and with appreciation to the diverse Latino population of our community, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2016 to be

**NATIONAL LATINO HERITAGE MONTH**



Mayor John Sawyer  
September 13, 2016