



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation was founded in 1993 to protect Sonoma Mountain which spans 63 square miles, provides nearly 40 miles of public access trails, contains over 9400 acres of protected open space and is surrounded by five cities, several towns, and a quarter of a million people living within a dozen miles of its summit; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation is celebrating 25 years of working to preserve the mountain's scenic, agricultural and natural resources, to provide a forum for constructive discussion of issues relating to the mountain and to expand the recreational opportunities there; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation created the Sonoma Mountain Developmental Guidelines that now also protect Taylor Mountain and the Mayacamas Range; created a Sonoma Mountain database and parcel map in 2014 and participates in the Sonoma Development Center's (SDC) Land Committee that discusses how to protect SDC's wildlife corridor and the Open Space District; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation participated in the General Plan 2020 update, was a member of the SDC coalition, reviews and enforces all PRMD permit application's compliance with the developmental guidelines ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation was instrumental in the transfer of 600 acres from SDC to Jack London State Park in 2003 and as well as in the development of the East and North Slope Trails on Sonoma Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation has published a yearly Sonoma Mountain Journal since 1999 discussing aspects of preserving the mountain's integrity, history and future; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma Mountain Preservation in culmination of its 25 years of working to support Sonoma Mountain is publishing a book *Where the World Begins: Sonoma Mountain Stories and Images* in order to inform the community of the treasure in its midst and to remind them to take great comfort from its various gifts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize, commend and acknowledge the Sonoma Mountain Preservation's

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
March 12, 2019