



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, during National Hispanic Heritage Month we recognize contributions made by Latino Americans - the fastest growing ethnic communities in Sonoma County and the United States - celebrating their heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa has a long history of welcoming immigrants and is home to a growing multi-ethnic and multicultural Latino population, including citizens from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, all of whom enrich our community with traditions that broaden our experiences, bring us closer and shape our character; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse Latino population of Santa Rosa contributes significantly to our economy and provides positive influences through strong commitments to family, education, professional advancement, vibrant culture, and service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last four years, *The Roseland Parents Club*, a group of Roseland parents with support from St. Joseph Health and in collaboration with organizations such as the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma's Community Building Initiative, and Raizes Collectivas, is working to make a positive health change for Roseland residents – creating and championing access to healthy foods, safe spaces for exercise and community education opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Roseland Parents Club* currently facilitates low cost daily exercise classes, free basic nutrition classes, as well as free embroidery, cross stitch and craft classes, all of which offer time for learning, friendships, and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes the achievements of Latinos in Sonoma County and celebrates their contributions to enrich our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, and in collaboration with the City of Santa Rosa's Inclusion Council, do hereby thank the *Roseland Parent Club* and its supporters, for their work building a better future for all of the residents of our community, and hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2017, to be

### NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Mayor Chris Coursey  
September 19, 2017