



City of
Santa Rosa
Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic absence, which involves missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, is a proven predictor of academic trouble and higher dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, regular attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, regular attendance contributes to improved third grade reading proficiency, greater high school success and fewer dropouts, thus strengthening our communities and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, excessive absences exacerbate the achievement gap of students in poverty, since these students are more likely to miss school and to lack the resources to make up for the lost academic time. Similarly, all students are affected by chronic absenteeism when teachers must spend additional time reviewing with those who missed instruction.

WHEREAS, schools and districts must accurately track, calculate and share attendance data so that interventions are provided to students in a timely fashion, as efforts to improve struggling schools are strengthened by high rates of regular attendance; and

WHEREAS, improving attendance and reducing chronic absences takes commitment, collaboration and approaches tailored to the particular challenges and strengths in each community. School attendance can be significantly improved when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address the obstacles that keep children from getting to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa supports the improvement of school attendance to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

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 recognize September 2016 as

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor John Sawyer
August 16, 2016