

WHEREAS, housing is a human right, yet thousands of Santa Rosans struggle to find an affordable home; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa must continue to put the need for new affordable housing development, as well as the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable homes at the forefront to promote the stability of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City and Housing Authority have taken meaningful actions to meet the need, by providing financing and affordability monitoring for over 6,500 housing units, overseeing a \$199 million loan portfolio, and administering more than 2,000 Housing Choice Vouchers; and

WHEREAS, this fiscal year the Housing Authority awarded \$3.1 million to develop and rehabilitate 170 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City and Housing Authority want to highlight the completion of South Park Commons, a 62-unit affordable housing complex located on surplus City property, provided \$5.8 million and 30 project-based vouchers to insure the long-term financial sustainability and affordability of the project; and

WHEREAS, the department of Housing and Community Services works with many organizations to provide safe, stable, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Affordable Housing Month is a time to recommit to our mission to promote awareness, fairness, inclusion, and justice in housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim May to be Affordable Housing Month, to call upon our community to support affordable housing solutions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Mark Stapp

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