



City of  
Santa Rosa  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the week starting on the third Monday of September is recognized as National Pollution Prevention Week throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout much of California, including the Russian River watershed, cities, counties and other stewardship organizations are recognizing the fourth week of September as Creek Week; and

**WHEREAS**, our pollution prevention practices are intrinsically linked to the health of our watershed lands and waterways; and


**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa supports programs to reduce pollution, increase the environmental quality of our watershed, and provide our communities with the knowledge to be effective stewards of the Russian River watershed lands and waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 1,500 square miles of lands, 238 creeks, and approximately 350,000 residents of the Russian River watershed are connected and mutually support each other making the Russian River, along with its tributaries and associated features, important resources to the people of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution in the form of trash and debris, chemicals from industry and everyday living, and sediment from construction and many land uses and activities all have the potential to degrade the quality of life and the quality of resources within the Russian River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa, through our Storm Water Management Program, strives to protect our lands and waterways through ongoing pollution prevention outreach which aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of pollutants to our natural systems.

**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 proclaim September 19-25, 2016 to be **POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK** and September 17-25, 2016 to be **CREEK WEEK**.



Mayor John Sawyer  
August 30, 2016