

WHEREAS, the Redwood Empire Chinese Association is holding their 2023 Chinese New Year's Celebration and cultural arts display at the Finley Community Center on January 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, we would like to publicly recognize the importance of this intercultural organization in the field of cultural education by offering community participation, organizational networking, public interactions with intercultural activities, and their many additional events which bring members, friends and families into social contact and understanding with governmental agencies and diverse people through events such as their Chinese New Year Celebration, Pot Luck Socials and Multi-Cultural Poetry Reading; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the outstanding work done by the Redwood Empire Chinese Association in providing programs to children and youth by giving presentations to local schools from elementary through high school, for providing Lion Dancers who perform with three Dragons, and opportunities for children to perform at community events, as well as an active Youth Group which focuses on teen self-esteem and positive community involvement, and for the RECA's annual scholarship for Sonoma County high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge the benefit of the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's adult programs including the Adult Chorus, Adult Cultural Dancers, and RECA's community involvement in assisting governmental agencies, businesses and schools with requested assistance in matters concerning Chinese and Asian cultural and language issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby acknowledge the successes of the

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Mayor Natalie Rogers January 10, 2023