

WHEREAS, public works are an essential part of our citizens' everyday lives; and,

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, protecting public health, and improving the quality of life and well-being of the people of Santa Rosa; maintaining a 509-mile roadway network, 1,035 acres of park land and open space, 73 acres of roadway landscaping, 108 City-owned buildings, and 1,200-miles of water and sewer pipe; and,

WHEREAS, infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, operators, technicians, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector; and are responsible for operating, maintaining, rebuilding, designing, improving and protecting our community's transportation system, residential and arterial streets, lights and signals, water distribution and sewer collection systems, treatment and water reuse systems, parks and amenities, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, each day, public works personnel work under challenging circumstances to keep themselves, motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians safe while conducting necessary work to maintain, repair, and build the public infrastructure and vital roadway system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Santa Rosa to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, am pleased to proclaim the week May 21 – 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in the City of Santa Rosa. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make in protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Natalie Rogers May 23, 2023