

WHEREAS, October is National Disability Awareness Month, and the City of Santa Rosa strives for all of our citizens to have the opportunity to live and work with dignity and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa, along with cities, towns, counties, and states across the nation, seeks to promote the full participation of the more than 50 million American children and adults with disabilities, over 16% of the population in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Mayors' Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities helps to encourage and promote the gainful employment of people with disabilities with the support of non-profit organizations, such as Disability Service and Legal Center (DSLC), Redwood Empire Industries, Oaks of Hebron, Department of Rehabilitation, North Bay Regional Center, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, during National Disability Awareness Month we recognize the indispensable contributions people with disabilities make in our economy and our daily lives and recommit to building a community where each of us can realize the full extent of our dreams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has participated during October in the DSLC Tech Expo and will participate in the Sonoma County Mayors' Committee on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities Awards breakfast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, urge all of our residents to recognize October as

NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

