

WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership) is a collaborative effort of over 50 organizations involving local, state, and national governments, community-based organizations, schools, business and faith communities, and local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the focus of this work is to incorporate a public health approach with intervening in the lives of youth to provide positive socialization opportunities as alternatives to criminal involvement and to deter them from maladaptive behavior; and

WHEREAS, the long-range goal of The Partnership is to create a united and seamless service delivery system of shared accountability that links together all local youth and gang violence prevention, intervention, and reentry efforts, thus creating a safety net effect aimed at supporting our community's youth; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership is working to standardize and implement a well-coordinated continuum of services aimed at building resiliency in our youth and increasing their connectedness with school and their community; and

WHEREAS, of primary importance to this effort is to provide training and resources for parents to ensure they have the support they need to provide a healthy foundation for their children, thereby reducing their chance of engaging in high-risk behaviors or gang activities; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership continues the prevention and intervention strategies of providing strong anti-violence education and training for parents through collaborating with our partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim the month of April 2017 to be

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT MONTH

Mayor Chris Coursey April 4, 2017