



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, April is National Volunteer Month to honor and recognize those individuals who volunteer their time and talents with the Santa Rosa Police Department which benefits the Santa Rosa Police Department itself, as well as all the residents and visitors of the City of Santa Rosa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Police Department's Volunteers in Police Services Program (VIPS) has been in place since 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Police Department greatly relies on its VIPS for a variety of services, including the Downtown Ambassador Program, Neighborhood Watch Presentations, Citizen Police Academies, enforcement of disabled parking laws, traffic control, the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program, the Graffiti Abatement hotline, photographing graffiti, Vacation Home Checks, placement of radar trailers, bike rodeos and safety programs, community events and presentations, assisting in locating missing persons, data entry, a variety of administrative duties, and on-call/late night field responses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, VIPS logged more than 5,618 hours, which resulted in a City of Santa Rosa savings of approximately \$135,847.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the VIPS are essential in providing customer service to the Santa Rosa Police Department and the citizens of the City of Santa Rosa. VIPS help make Santa Rosa a safe place to live, work, and play.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby thank and extend gratitude to the Police Department's

### **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES**



Mayor Chris Coursey

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