

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Symphony, a nationally renowned symphony orchestra, is celebrating its 90th Anniversary, recognizing enrichment to the city and the region through classical music performance, music education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Symphony, the third-oldest orchestra in the state of California, held its first concert on April 25, 1928, with local amateur musicians, performing in rented halls; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Symphony has grown significantly in scope, reaching Santa Rosa residents through more avenues, including: choral performances, a Symphony Pops Series, Youth Ensemble concerts, a Family Concert Series, community ensemble performances around the county and an annual, free community concert at Weill Hall to reach those who might otherwise not attend a performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Symphony, which now employs professional union musicians, has grown into the California regional symphony with the largest budget north of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS,** having been part of its vision and purpose, the Santa Rosa Symphony is the Resident Orchestra of the Green Music Center; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Symphony has one of the most comprehensive music education programs in the country, breaking down barriers for music education in schools and presenting life-changing performance opportunities to young musicians, reaching more than 30,000 children annually; and

WHEREAS, the Symphony Board, its administrative and artistic leadership, staff and volunteers continue to uphold their vision to create one of the nation's leading regional symphony orchestras, recognized as a model of artistic vibrancy, educational leadership, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Symphony administrative and artistic leadership, staff and volunteers work together with a focus on the Symphony's mission to inspire and engage the residents of this region with the finest musical performances and educational programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, recognize and commend the Santa Rosa Symphony for its historic contributions, and do hereby proclaim April 25, 2018, as

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY DAY

Mayor Chris Coursey April 25, 2018