

WHEREAS, The Redwood Empire Chinese Association is holding their 2019 Chinese New Year's Celebration at the Veteran's Memorial Building of Santa Rosa, California on February 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, we would like to publicly recognize the importance of this inter-cultural organization in the fields of cultural and language education by offering community participation, organizational networking, public interactions with intercultural activities, and their many additional events which bring members, friends and families into social contact and understanding with governmental agencies and diverse people through events such as their Chinese New Year Celebration, Pot Luck Socials, Multi-Cultural Poetry Reading, and Chinese Language School; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the outstanding work done by the Redwood Empire Chinese Association in providing programs to children and youth by giving presentations to local schools from elementary through college levels, for Mandarin language classes for all ages and levels, for providing two groups of Lion Dancers who also perform with three Dragons, and for providing opportunities for children to perform at community events, also for providing an active Youth Group which focuses on teen self-esteem and positive community involvement, and for the RECA annual scholarship for Sonoma County high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge the benefit of the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's adult programs including the Adult Chorus, Adult Tai Chi Club, Adult Mah Jong Club and RECA's community involvement in assisting governmental agencies, businesses and schools with requested assistance in matters concerning Chinese and Asian cultural and language issues; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim a sincere acknowledgement of the successes of the

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm February 12, 2019