



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Luther Burbank came to Santa Rosa in 1875 at age 26 to pursue his dream of making the world a better place by improving food plants and flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, he established himself as a nursery man and purchased property on Santa Rosa Avenue and Tupper Street to devote himself to plant breeding, introducing over 800 new varieties during his more than 50-year career, including the still popular Santa Rosa Plum and Shasta Daisy; and

**WHEREAS**, the former Burbank Experimental Gardens property on Santa Rosa Avenue was gifted to the City of Santa Rosa by Burbank's widow, Elizabeth Waters Burbank, with the home and gardens open to the public for tours since 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Luther Burbank Home & Gardens has been designated a National, State, and Local Historic Landmark and a Horticultural Landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, April 11, 2026, will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther Burbank's death, and in commemoration, the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens Association will unveil a new museum exhibit on April 1; and

**WHEREAS**, all are invited to visit the gardens, which are open daily, and to view the exhibit in the Carriage House Museum during the tour season from April 1 through October 31.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim and acknowledge the ongoing importance of the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens to the city as a historical, cultural, and educational landmark whose volunteers strive to preserve the legacy of the world-famous horticulturalist.



**LUTHER BURBANK HOME & GARDENS**

Mayor Mark Stapp  
March 10, 2026