



Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is essential for every living creature and is a precious and limited natural resource that must be stewarded wisely for future generations; and

WHEREAS, because water is a precious resource, wise use of water should be considered a way of life; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water encourages citywide understanding and appreciation of the value of water efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa community has long demonstrated a commitment to using water wisely by minimizing water waste, installing over 56,000 water efficient toilets and nearly 15,000 high efficiency clothes washers, and converting over 4 million square feet of lawn to low water use landscapes; and

WHEREAS, due to the community's commitment to water use efficiency, Santa Rosa's total water use had decreased by 14% since 1990, saving over 15,000 acre feet of water and 28,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is the owner and operator of the Regional Water Reuse System; producing high-quality recycled water for many purposes including irrigation of parks, commercial businesses, and residential common areas; and

WHEREAS, for every drop of recycled water used, a drop of potable water is saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim May 2023 as **WATER AWARENESS MONTH** and encourage all citizens to "Do your Part. Be WaterSmart!"



Mayor Natalie Rogers
April 25, 2023