

**WHEREAS**, throughout much of California, cities, counties and stewardship organizations recognize Creek Week as an annual celebration of our creeks, watersheds, and the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, the 238 creeks, and approximately 360,000 residents of the Russian River watershed are connected and mutually support each other, making the Russian River and its tributaries, important resources to the people of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution in the form of trash and debris, chemicals, nutrients, and sediment have the potential to degrade the quality of life and the quality of resources within the Russian River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa strives to protect our lands and waterways through ongoing pollution prevention outreach, to raise awareness of the harmful effects of pollutants on our natural systems.

**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 September 20 through September 26, 2025 as Creek Week in the City of Santa Rosa, and asks all members of our community to protect our watershed health by participating in Creek Week activities, taking steps to reduce pollution, and caring for our environment throughout the year.

## **CREEK WEEK**

Mayor Mark Stapp September 9, 2025