

PROCLAMATION MAY 2026 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, safe and affordable housing is a fundamental human right, yet thousands of Santa Rosa residents continue to face challenges in securing homes they can afford; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa recognizes the need to prioritize the development of new affordable housing, as well as the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable units, to support long-term community stability; and

WHEREAS, the City and Housing Authority have taken significant steps to address local housing needs by providing financing and affordability monitoring for more than 6,500 housing units, managing a \$200 million loan portfolio, and administering over 2,000 Housing Choice Vouchers; and

WHEREAS, in the current fiscal year, the Housing Authority awarded \$3.5 million to support the development and rehabilitation of 291 affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, the City and Housing Authority proudly recognize the completion of the Stewart Cannery in Railroad Square, which provides 128 new affordable homes, including units reserved for residents experiencing homelessness with onsite supportive services and 33 project-based vouchers to ensure long-term affordability; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Housing and Community Services works with many partners to expand access to safe, stable, and affordable housing for all; and

WHEREAS, Affordable Housing Month provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to promoting awareness, equity, inclusion, and justice in housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Rosa Housing Authority proclaims May 2026 as Affordable Housing Month and urges the community to support affordable housing solutions.

Chair, Housing Authority