City of Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, and the City of Santa Rosa has taken significant steps to address mental health in our community by creating inRESPONSE, Santa Rosa's first mobile mental health crisis support team; which is supported by system navigators who provide robust services to those in need, and are peers with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, City of Santa Rosa, worked in partnership with several local organizations including Buckelew Programs, Humanidad Therapy and Education Services, Catholic Charities, Sonoma County Behavioral Health, Santa Rosa Fire Department, and the Santa Rosa Police Department to create inRESPONSE; and

WHEREAS, the inRESPONSE team responded to 2,893 calls in 2022, 1,762 calls were diverted from local law enforcement, and the inRESPONSE system navigators made 2,367 contacts with individuals who received services including crisis intervention, personal support, care coordination, and referrals; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Sonoma County (the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) was an instrumental stakeholder in the formation of the inRESPONSE team, and has played a key role in providing essential services to those in need across our city; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Sonoma County provides key mental health education and support services to individuals and families affected by mental illness, including a warm line for support and service referrals, a Family to Family and a Peer to Peer course, and support groups for families and for individuals in recovery; and

WHEREAS, with collaboration between providers in Sonoma County, individuals and families have been provided with critical wrap around support, education, and system navigation that has never existed before; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.**

Mayor Natalie Rogers
May 23, 2023