



WHEREAS, in 1872, a special day was set aside for the planting of trees; and this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Since 1909 the State of California officially declared March 7 “Arbor Day” to commemorate the birthday of our very own Luther Burbank; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, National Arbor Day falls on Friday, April 28th, and the City celebrates Arbor Day on March 12th with a tree planting event at Rincon Valley Community Park, as a service to our community and local school programs; and

WHEREAS, trees protect our environmental resources; reduce erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees support our City’s economic development; increasing property values, beautifying our community; enhancing the vitality of business areas; and

WHEREAS, the interest in strengthening community image and sense of place through the preservation of, and dedication to Santa Rosa’s urban forest has been a major goal and commitment since the City’s founding, and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for over 40 years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

WHEREAS, Trees are Terrific ... In All Shapes and Sizes!

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, do hereby proclaim March 6 – March 12, 2023 as **ARBOR WEEK**

Mayor Natalie Rogers
March 28, 2023