



## 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  
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