



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra was founded in 1959 as the “Junior Symphony” by a group of educators and prominent citizens who wanted to supplement the musical training by Santa Rosa Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Santa Rosa Symphony Education Department is to continue to transmit the profound legacy of classical music by offering two types of training programs: Training for Young Musicians and Music for our Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 56 years the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra has trained over 1,700 young musicians, and since 2005 has been under the direction of Dr. Richard Loheyde; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Orchestra is traveling on its first ever tour to the Asian continent, taking a musical journey through China, performing in Beijing, Hangzhou and Shanghai as young ambassadors representing the citizens of Santa Rosa; and

**WHEREAS**, we congratulate the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra as it celebrates this achievement with a Bon Voyage Concert at Weill Hall of Sonoma State University’s Green Music Center on June 6, 2015, prior to the orchestra’s landmark journey, which takes place from June 17 to June 26, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby acknowledge

### **SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

as a treasured, local, cultural institution that brings international prominence to the citizens and city of Santa Rosa.



  
Mayor John Sawyer

June 2, 2015