



# ***CITY OF SEBASTOPOL***

## ***PROCLAMATION***

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2022 AS CREEK WEEK

WHEREAS, For over a decade Creek Week has offered educational events and volunteer creek cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Creek Week coincides with the California Coastal Commission's big Creek to Coast Cleanup Day, an event that has now spread worldwide; and

WHEREAS, During Creek Week, creek, river, and ocean clean-up campaigns will take place throughout Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. The Russian River watershed consists of over 150 creeks that provide water supply, wildlife habitat, flood capacity, and recreation. Unfortunately, trash and debris accumulation in local waterways impair water quality, wildlife habitat, and, at times, recreation and flood capacity; and

WHEREAS, Creek Week is a great opportunity to take part in activities that connect you with your community and environmental practices that help protect our creeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation are co-sponsoring the Great Laguna Cleanup Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Foundation Staff and Guides will also provide a dynamic and engaging educational component to the workday that will help volunteers learn more about the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, including the impacts of invasive species, the importance of native plants, and the natural and cultural history of the area; and the City of Sebastopol staff will be on hand help us haul out all of the trash and recyclables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby proclaims September 17-24 as Creek Week within the City of Sebastopol and encourages everyone to help clean up the Sebastopol Laguna Wetlands Preserve before the rain starts falling and washes trash into our waterways and ocean.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

Patrick Slayter, Mayor, City of Sebastopol