



# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

## PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF WEST SONOMA COUNTY FOR DONATING VOLUNTEER HOURS, ENERGY, AND FUNDS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SEBASTOPOL.

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist organization, founded on October 3, 1921, and serves women and girls through programs leading to social, educational, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist International Clubs has been an integral part of Sebastopol Community with a club chartering in 1949 dematerialized in the 1990s and rechartered in 2019 ; and still active today; and

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist International Club of West Sonoma County has improved the lives of women and girls in Sebastopol by:

- Disbursing of Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards® to local women to help them get the education and training they need to improve their employments prospects and economic standing.
- During the Pandemic books were purchased for a local low income elementary school, to promote reading and stimulate their imagination and expand their understanding of the world.
- Revitalizing the Soroptimist Gazebo in Ragle Park. Ordering plaques with past members who have since passed away, planting a garden, sanding and staining the gazebo.
- Local Flamingo flocking fundraiser as an ongoing way to raise funds to provide Live Your Dream awards. This project has promoted community connection and joy.
- Communicating With Impact workshop for women with the funds donated to Live Your Dream scholarship fund.
- Easter Egg Hunt To-Go collaborator, providing children & families Easter egg bags during the pandemic, promoting community connection and a sense of normalcy during a challenging time.
- Peacetown Family Village collaborator providing families with access to local resources and community connection.
- Sponsoring a local woman with children during Christmas time, providing them with gifts and a holiday meal.
- Kettle Bell ringing during the holidays through the Salvation Army.
- Donating money to Verity a local organization that eliminates all forms of violence, with a special focus on sexual assault and abuse. Verity facilitates healing and promotes the prevention of violence by providing counseling, advocacy, intervention, and education in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Una Glass, proclaim and recognize the Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County for donating volunteer hours, energy, and funds for the betterment of women and girls in Sebastopol.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
Mayor Una Glass