



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

In Recognition of Mathew Rose

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol, as party to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Sonoma County Library, owns the building serving as the Sebastopol Public Library, and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol recognizes the importance of public libraries to the well being of its citizens, and

Whereas, Mathew Rose served as manager of the Sebastopol library branch for 12 years, and

Whereas, Mathew Rose's professional yet friendly demeanor fostered trust and confidence in library patrons, volunteers and staff, and

Whereas, through his dedication and expertise, Mathew Rose developed the Sebastopol library into a thriving community hub in challenging times, and

Whereas, through his management, Mathew Rose was an excellent steward of the increased funds received after the passage of Measure Y, and

Whereas, through his leadership, the Sebastopol library developed many programs responding to the needs of our community, including a ground-breaking program that was subsequently adopted by libraries nationwide: This was a menstrual equity program that dissolved the pink tax/financial burden and made menstrual products free to the public; and

Whereas, the Sebastopol Library offered 600 programs in 2024 - the most of any library branch in the Sonoma County Library system - the positive impact of Mathew Rose's work is felt in the greater West County, and

Whereas, through his generosity and leadership, those who worked with Mathew Rose are equipped to continue his positive impact on our community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Stephen Zollman, am honored to recognize the significant contributions Mathew Rose has made to the citizens of Sebastopol and the greater West County area served by the Sebastopol Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, express gratitude and respect to Mathew Rose recognizing the impact he had on our community throughout his tenure as Manager of the Sebastopol Library.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4th day of March, 2024.

Stephen Zollman, Mayor