WHEREAS, the Redwood Empire Chinese Association is holding their 2016 Chinese New Year’s Celebration at the Veteran’s Memorial Building of Santa Rosa, California on February 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, we are appreciative of the important functions of this intercultural organization in the fields of cultural and language education by offering community participation, organizational networking, public interactions with intercultural activities, and their many additional events which bring members, friends and families into social contact with governmental agencies and diverse citizens and organizations through events such as their Chinese New Year Celebration, Pot Luck Socials, Multicultural Poetry Reading, and Chinese Language School; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the outstanding work done by the Redwood Empire Chinese Association in providing programs to children, youth and adults by giving presentations to local schools from elementary through college levels; for providing children, teen and adult Mandarin language classes; for providing two groups of youth dancers, one group of children dancers, two groups of Lion and Dragon dancers, and for providing opportunities for children from all of these troupes to perform at community events; for providing an Adult Chorus and an adult Tai Chi club; for providing an active Youth Group which focuses on teen self-esteem and positive community involvement; and for the Redwood Empire Chinese Association annual scholarship for Sonoma County high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge Redwood Empire Chinese Association’s community involvement in assisting governmental agencies, businesses and schools with requested assistance in matters concerning Chinese and Asian cultural and language issues; and

WHEREAS, we further commend the Redwood Empire Chinese Association for sharing the talents and diversity of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County with other communities such as providing their multitalented cultural dancers, musicians, and Adult Chorus with the China Camp State Park Heritage Day in Marin County and the Dancing Poetry Festival held in San Francisco.

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 proclaim a hearty acknowledgement of the successes of the

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Mayor John Sawyer
February 2, 2016