



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Recognizing October as the Annual Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok People Honoring Month

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 172 in 1991, which authorizes and requests the President to proclaim November as Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Southern Pomo have made what is now known as the Laguna de Santa Rosa their home; and

WHEREAS, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, a federally recognized Tribe, is comprised of Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok people, and the lands now occupied by the City of Sebastopol are the ancestral lands of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol strives for diversity and acceptance, and seeks to uplift and uphold human rights and dignity within its community; and

WHEREAS, the Sebastopol community acknowledges the contributions of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo tribal histories, culture, contemporary issues, and the contributions of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to Sonoma County is vital to the understanding of our origins and rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria maintain a harmonious relationship with the ecology of this area, including knowledgeable and respectful harvesting of animals, plants and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, the traditional cultural and ecological knowledge of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria holds important values for our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sebastopol community will benefit from the more active and visible input of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I Mayor Diana Gardner Rich, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim October as the Annual Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok People Honoring Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 1st day of October 2024.

Diana Gardner Rich, Mayor