



Russian River Watershed Association Proclamation Creek Week 2011 - September 17 – 24

WHEREAS, there are over 150 creeks within the Russian River watershed that create a rich and diverse system which provides water supply, wildlife habitat, flood capacity, recreation and aesthetic values to our community; and

WHEREAS, trash and debris in the creeks and on stream banks damage the aesthetic and biological qualities of local waterways, impacting efforts to restore and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River Watershed Association strives to protect local creeks and the Russian River through ongoing storm water pollution prevention outreach, which aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of trash and other pollutants in our creek systems; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Russian River watershed, cities, counties and other stewardship organizations are coming together to declare September 17–24, 2011 “Creek Week” to encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of natural streams and creeks, with a goal of creating local stewardship and education opportunities for the general public on the aesthetic, recreational and ecological values of our creek systems; and

WHEREAS, the health of our creeks and rivers depends on the stewardship of all members of the watershed community; and

WHEREAS, during Creek Week, clean up campaigns will take place throughout Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, with efforts to draw communities together and encourage the public to take a stewardship role in the care of our local creeks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jake Mackenzie, Chair of the Board of the Russian River Watershed Association, on behalf of our nine member agencies and the entire watershed community, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-24, 2011 as Creek Week, and ask all

watershed residents to support efforts to protect and enrich our creek resources by participating in Creek Week activities, and to care for our creeks and the Russian River throughout the year.

City of Ukiah

City of Cloverdale

City of Healdsburg

Town of Windsor

City of Santa Rosa

City of Rohnert Park

City of Cotati

Sonoma County Water Agency

County of Sonoma