RESOLUTION NO. 2014-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK SUPPORTING STATE AND REGIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND ENCOURAGING CUSTOMERS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE WATER USAGE BY 20%

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a serious drought with rainfall for 2013 being recorded as the lowest on record in 120 years; consequently, a statewide drought emergency has been declared by Governor Jerry Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's declaration intends to reduce water use sufficiently to avoid future mandatory water use restrictions by calling on Californians to immediately reduce their water usage by 20 percent (20%); and

WHEREAS, the City hereby acknowledges its membership in the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership which is an organization that provides regional solutions for promoting water use efficiency practices; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma-Marin Water Saving Partnership has launched a public outreach campaign to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 20%; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the regional Water Advisory Committee: and;

WHEREAS, the Water Advisory Committee has adopted a resolution supporting the Sonoma-Marin Water Saving Partnership goal of a voluntary 20% water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to launch voluntary water conservation efforts consistent with State and regional water conservation goals to reduce water usage by 20%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby declare that in order to protect public health, safety and welfare, the City Council supports the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership efforts and Governor Brown's Emergency Drought Declaration seeking 20% voluntary reduction in water use and hereby encourages the City's customers to voluntarily reduce water usage by 20%.
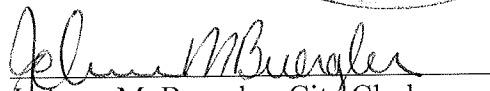
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2014.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

Joesph T. Mayor

ATTEST:

JoAnne M. Buergler, City Clerk

BELFORTE: _Aye_ MACKENZIE: _Aye_ STAFFORD: _Aye_ AHANOTU: _Aye_ CALLINAN: _Aye_

AYES: (5) NOES: (0) ABSENT: (0) ABSTAIN: (0)