



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Celebrating Ives Pool's 80 year anniversary, and Recognizing Aquatics Director Ricardo Freitas for 18 years Managing Ives Pool

Whereas, Ives Park and Ives Pool were gifted to the City of Sebastopol by Mrs. Katherine Ives of San Francisco over 80 years ago; and

Whereas, Ives Pool has been providing aquatics respite to all of Sebastopol and West Sonoma County for 80 years as of 2021; and

Whereas, Ives Pool is the home to the Sebastopol Sea Serpents, West Sonoma County High School Swim Team, Sebastopol Masters Aquatics Club, Rotary Learn to Swim Program (for 37 years), a nationally recognized underwater hockey team, and a home-grown water polo team; and

Whereas, Ives Pool offers the community lap swimming, water aerobics, gentle water fitness, youth group swim lessons, and private swim lessons for all ages; and

Whereas, Ricardo Freitas was hired by Western Sonoma County Swimmers to serve as Aquatics Director of Ives Pool in January 2004; and

Whereas, Ricardo will have managed the pool and all aquatics programs successfully for 18 years in January 2022; and

Whereas, during Ricardo's tenure the pool has expanded programs and opportunities for all swimmers, many years being open 364 days (every day except Christmas), and currently serving swimmers from birth to 95 years old, with an average of 230 pool users per day during the pre-pandemic years; and

Whereas, Ives Pool is again open on a walk-in basis for all members of the community after providing pre-registration aquatics opportunities during the COVID shut-down.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Una Glass, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby Recognize and Celebrate Ives Pool's 80 year anniversary; and

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, Recognize Aquatics Director Ricardo Freitas for his 18 years of Successful and with great dedication, management of Ives Pool.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Mayor Una Glass