

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Rotary International is an international service organization that was founded in 1905 to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service and advance peace and goodwill around the world; and
- Whereas,** the Rotary Club of Alameda was the first service club formed in Alameda. It was officially organized 100+ years ago on May 1, 1920 with sixteen Charter members. At that time, the club's principal objectives were to aid the Boy Scouts and help disabled children; and
- Whereas,** examples of Alameda Rotary's community support include the creation of the Old Wharf Classroom at Crab Cove in 1968, where for more than 50 years, naturalists have educated thousands of school children and families about the ecology of the San Francisco Bay and its importance to our region; and
- Whereas,** in 1985, Alameda Rotarians joined their fellow Rotarians worldwide and participated with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children around the world from polio. As a result of these efforts, polio cases were reduced by 99 percent and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating this disease; and
- Whereas,** in recognition of Alameda resident, the late Jean Sweeney's service in Rotary and her efforts to preserve property owned by the Beltline Railroad, Alameda Rotary allocated \$100,000 to construct the picnic pavilion at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park in her honor; and
- Whereas,** Rotary Club provides annual community grants to nonprofit organizations in Alameda and neighboring communities; awards scholarships to students pursuing higher education; and actively participates in youth programs and activities; and
- Whereas,** the Rotary Club of Alameda also sponsors the Concerts at the Cove which help fund the Rotary Foundation, supports Scouting for Food, and collaborates with Kiwanis of Alameda to support Midway Shelter's Project Failsafe Meal Fund; and
- Whereas,** as the Rotary Club of Alameda celebrates a century of continued service, their members are connected to 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, do hereby issue this Proclamation in Recognition of the Rotary Club of Alameda's 100th Anniversary and congratulate and thank the Rotary Club of Alameda for its first century of community service, helping to improve the human condition in Alameda and around the world.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor
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