

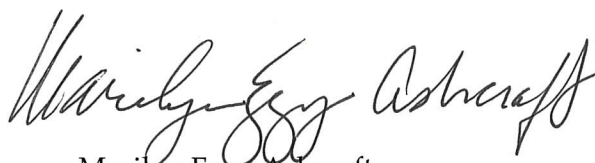
Proclamation

- Whereas,** Alameda is a welcoming community whose motto is “*Everyone Belongs Here;*” and
- Whereas,** over 200 of our neighbors do not have a place to call home and dwell in shelters, in vehicles, or on the streets; and
- Whereas,** food and shelter are the most basic, life-sustaining human needs that should be available to every Alamedan; and
- Whereas,** on April 19, 2018, the Buena Vista United Methodist Church launched the Dine and Connect program to provide Alameda’s homeless with a hot meal and a welcoming place to rest, interact with community members, and get connected to services; and
- Whereas,** the Immanuel Lutheran Church hosted the Dine and Connect program for the past year, feeding close to 60 homeless individuals each month and also providing them with an evening of entertainment and companionship; and
- Whereas,** Dine and Connect would not be possible without the partnership with the Alameda Food Bank and the commitment of volunteer cooks, servers, and helpers from Alameda’s faith-based community; and
- Whereas,** Dine and Connect embodies the true spirit of Alameda by bringing together City government, nonprofits, faith organizations, and community volunteers who act with compassion, respect, care, and commitment to build a strong and sustainable community that takes care of those who are unhoused.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2019 as

Dine & Connect Day

in the City of Alameda, in celebration of the one year anniversary of the Dine and Connect program and gratitude for all the good work it has performed.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

