

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** with a growing number of unsheltered Alamedans and a forecast for a cold, wet winter, Christ Episcopal Church graciously offered to host the first ever Warming Shelter in Alameda, to provide a safe, warm place for homeless persons to get out of the cold and rain; and
- Whereas,** the Warming Shelter was the result of a year-long collaboration among Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, Building Futures, Alameda elected officials and City staff, faith leaders and community volunteers; and
- Whereas,** the Warming Shelter opened on December 6, 2018, and closed for the season on April 15, 2019, after being open every Monday and Thursday, and every day that the forecast of rain was 50 percent or more, or the temperature was forecast to fall below 40 degrees; and
- Whereas,** the Warming Shelter was open for 66 nights and served 87 people in the past 4 and 1/2 months; and
- Whereas,** volunteers from Christ Episcopal Church and the community provided dinners and breakfasts and organized donations of toiletries and other items for guests; and
- Whereas,** the Warming Shelter would not exist without a location, and we are grateful to the Christ Episcopal Church community - Reverend Stephen McHale, Alisa Rasera, Gaylon Parsons, Jim Franz, the Christ Church Vestry and community volunteers for opening their doors, arms, and hearts to less fortunate community members, and providing their guests with respect, dignity and a safe, warm place to rest; and
- Whereas,** with warming temperatures, the Warming Shelter closed for the season on April 15, but our hearts have been warmed by the compassion, generosity, and humanity that made it possible.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 16, 2019 as

## Warming Shelter Appreciation Day



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

