

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** the City of Alameda recognizes the special vibrancy that exists within a community when individual citizens and organizations “go the extra mile” in volunteerism, philanthropy, and service; and

**Whereas,** the City of Alameda joins more than 500 cities across the country in recognizing November 1<sup>st</sup> as Extra Mile Day, to celebrate the capacity we each have to create positive change within our communities; and

**Whereas,** the City of Alameda celebrates individuals and organizations who “go the extra mile” to support programs, services, and activities that make Alameda a better place to live, work and play; and

**Whereas,** for the tumultuous year of 2020, the City of Alameda recognizes and profoundly thanks the following individuals and organizations who have helped to uplift our community in so many ways.

Adam Elsesser and Martha Siegel, Catellus, Exelixis, and Brookfield Properties Development for their generous contributions to the Alameda Strong Fund which provides grants to local small businesses, non-profit organizations and renters who were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alameda Food Bank Executive Director Cindy Houts who, with an army of volunteers, ramped up food bank operations almost overnight, to address a tenfold increase in food bank clients while providing nourishing food in a compassionate, respectful manner.

Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) for assuring that Alameda children had enough to eat by providing bags of groceries 2 times a week to Alameda households with children ages 0 to 18 years old, even those who don't attend an AUSD school.

Our healthcare workers for their tireless work and dedication to keep us safe from COVID-19 or help us heal. (Wear your mask for them!)

Alameda's Sister City, Jiangyin, China for donating 20,000 face masks to Alameda that are being used by City workers, including public safety first responders who offer them to unsheltered individuals and others who aren't wearing a mask.

Christ Episcopal Church for hosting Alameda's Warming Shelter that operates from November through April, providing unsheltered individuals safe overnight accommodations, and Alisa Rasera-Holden for coordinating volunteers who prepare and serve dinner and breakfast for warming shelter guests.

Immanuel Lutheran Church and its members for hosting monthly “Dine and Connect” dinners where Alameda's unsheltered residents can receive a nourishing meal, take a shower, have their clothes laundered, and be seen by a medical professional at Alameda County's mobile health clinic.

**Whereas,** Alameda is a stronger, more compassionate community as a result of the selfless dedication and generosity of these individuals and organizations.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim November 1, 2020 as

## Extra Mile Day

in the City of Alameda and encourage us all to “go the extra mile.”



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

