

Proclamation

Virginia “Ginny” Krutilek’s remarkable journey began at the Mabel Tennant Maternity Home on Chestnut Street in Alameda where she was born on July 4, 1925. Ginny grew up in Alameda, attending Kindergarten through 8th grade at Henry Haight School, and graduating from Alameda High School.

At the age of 19, Ginny joined the First Congregational Church of Alameda where she has served tirelessly for more than 80 years in numerous capacities, including Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Church Historian.

In 1989, in response to then Mayor Chuck Corica’s concerns about unsheltered people in Alameda, Ginny helped start the Alameda Homeless Network, an all-volunteer organization that established, and continues to support, Midway Shelter, a safe, supportive environment for women and children fleeing domestic violence. In the 36 years since it began, Midway Shelter has empowered thousands of mothers to build brighter futures for themselves and their children.

And, on Ginny’s upcoming birthday, the 5k run preceding Alameda’s 4th of July Parade will benefit the Midway Shelter.

Over the years, Ginny has also been actively involved with the PTA and Alameda Historical Museum, served on the Board of Volunteers at Alameda County’s Fairmont Hospital, and shared her love of, and gift for, music by teaching piano to generations of Alamedans.

Ginny’s prolific community contributions have garnered significant recognition, including being named “Alameda’s Woman of the Year” by the Alameda Times-Star in 1993, and “Woman of the Year” by the California State Legislature in 1998. Additional accolades include recognition from U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Congressman Ron Dellums, California State Assembly Members Don Perata and Barbara Lee, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Alameda.

As Ginny Krutilek approaches her 100th birthday on July 4, 2025, we celebrate her lifelong dedication to community service and civic leadership that has made the City of Alameda a better place.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 4, 2025, as

Ginny Krutilek Day

in the City of Alameda and extend our deepest gratitude to Ginny for sharing her heart and life with us, a life defined by love, generosity, and respect for all. I also encourage all Alamedans to follow Ginny’s example of selfless dedication to others.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

