



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MILL VALLEY RECOGNIZING
JOAN MURRAY AS A VOLUNTEER ALL-STAR**

WHEREAS, in 1957, Joan Murray took on the crucial role of a Crossing Guard at Old Mill School, demonstrating a commitment to the safety of our community's children, fostering a sense of security and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, Joan won a contest in 1963 by selling the most tickets for a spaghetti feed, contributing to the fundraising efforts for the establishment of the Mill Valley Community Center, and further demonstrated her dedication by selling Freedom Cakes at Tam High School to support the important work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, Joan participated in the first Earth Day, contributing to the beautification of Mt. Tamalpais by removing litter, and served on the Common Cause Steering Committee, displaying a commitment to social and environmental causes, as well as advocating for campaign finance reform by collecting signatures at the Depot, a cause that remains relevant today; and

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1977, Joan served as a Brownie Leader, influencing and guiding the youth of our community towards positive growth and development; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Joan contributed significantly to the cultural and intellectual development of Mill Valley by serving on the Mill Valley Library Board of Trustees and the Mill Valley Library Foundation Board, and leading a task force that established the Foundation, the second of its kind in California; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, Joan was and still is an active member of the Outdoor Art Club, contributing to the beautification of our town by applying for grants and serving on the Mill Valley Historical Society Board for nine years, actively participating in the preservation of our rich historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000s, Joan served on the Mill Valley Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Parks and Recreation Board, and founded and organized Volunteer Day for six years, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the enhancement of our parks and recreational spaces; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Joan took the initiative to found Clean Mill Valley, collaborating with fellow community activists to address environmental concerns and promote a cleaner, healthier community; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Joan Murray extended her commitment to a wider scope by helping to found Clean Marin, contributing to the well-being of the broader Marin community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, on this 8th day of January, 2024, that the City Council of the City of Mill Valley recognizes and honors the extraordinary contributions of Joan Murray to the well-being, cultural richness, and environmental sustainability of our community. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the continuous tireless efforts and enduring legacy left by Joan, an exemplary community leader, volunteer, and advocate for positive change.

Urban Carmel, *Mayor*