

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 9, 2023 AS

AL ADREVENO DAY

IN HONOR OF HIS 100 YEARS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

WHEREAS, AL ADREVENO was born in San Francisco, California on July 17, 1923 to Giobatta and Maria Adreveno, immigrants from the Genoa region of Italy; and

WHEREAS, AL lived on what was called a Truck Farm where vegetables were grown in Colma during the height of the Great Depression, attending schools in South San Francisco and Daly City, and then enrolling in San Mateo Junior College, where he graduated in February 1943; and

WHEREAS, AL was drafted into the army on February 15, 1943 under President Roosevelt, and sent to Fort Belvoir, Virginia to be trained in the Army Corps of Engineers and, upon completion of his training, he remained as an instructor; and

WHEREAS, AL, in February 1945, was selected to join one of two Elite Teams to be flown to the Island of Leyte in the Philippines to teach engineers the fundamentals building bailey bridges, which ended up being a lesson under fire as, once there, the Elite Teams were required in the invasion of Okinawa; and following Japan’s surrender, he was then sent to Korea among the occupation troops before returning the mainland being discharged on February 14, 1946; and

WHEREAS, AL started work at a flower nursery in March 1946 and, nearly one year later, went into business with his father, taking over The Daylight Nursery in Colma in 1947, eventually selling it in 1953 to purchase a ranch in Half Moon Bay; and

WHEREAS, during this time, AL met a florist in San Francisco at the Flower Market who would become the love of his life, and they wed October 4, 1947, enjoying a beautiful union that lasted 71 years and 24 days; and

WHEREAS, AL has been a stalwart member of Half Moon Bay’s community for 70 years, serving on the City of Half Moon Bay Planning Commission and City Council, Coastside County Water District, San Mateo County Farm Bureau, Half Moon Bay Chamber, Northern California Flower Growers & Shippers Association, California State Association of Florists, Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and providing countless contributions to the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 9, 2023, as AL ADREVENO DAY in recognition of his upcoming milestone 100th Birthday and his lifetime of tremendous contributions and extends its best wishes to AL ADREVENO and his family for a joyous celebration.

Dated: May 9, 2023

Supervisors:

Dave Pine, President

Noelia Corzo

Ray Mueller

Warren Slocum

David J. Canepa

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors