

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

Declaring February 22, 2022, as Emile Awwad Day in San Leandro

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad was born in Palestine in 1948. He attended the American University in Beirut and later studied business at the University of Windsor in Canada and attended Merritt College; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad worked at the Ford Motor Company on the assembly line and as a restaurant manager, overseeing supplies and supervising and training many he worked with; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad began volunteering with the Davis Street Community Center in 1992 (now called the Davis Street Family Resource Center) and became the Clothing Services and Thrift Store Manager; and

WHEREAS, because of his volunteerism, talent, and commitment, Emile Awwad was offered the job of Basic Needs Manager where he has run the special services section and the community services section; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad was the first staff person hired outside of childcare and has served as the “right hand” of Executive Director, Rose Padilla Johnson, and as the local community ambassador for Davis Street for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad is a critical part of the team that works with consumers living with developmental disabilities with on-the-job skills development and training oversight; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad is 75 years old and still works hard to serve clients in need. He maintains his work ethic and high expectations for others, positively influencing all those around him; and

WHEREAS, Emile Awwad quickly became and remains one of the familiar faces of the Davis Street Family Resource Center’s Basic Needs Program and many families continue to rely on Emile to sustain their quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby declare February 22, 2022, as “Emile Awwad Day” in San Leandro, and recognize Emile Awwad for his stalwart example of volunteerism in and for the community of San Leandro.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 22nd day of February 2022.
