

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, Kathryn Korematsu was born in Greenville, South Carolina on March 14, 1919 and married Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn and Fred Korematsu moved to San Leandro in 1949 and immediately experienced housing and employment discrimination because of the unjust stigma placed on Japanese Americans during and following World War II; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Korematsu encouraged and supported her husband in his struggle for justice when his supreme court case, *Korematsu v. United States*, was reopened in 1983, and stood by Fred's side when key evidence was uncovered to prove that there was no military necessity for the Japanese and Japanese Americans to be placed into internment camps during the war, and Fred's 1944 conviction was overturned; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn and Fred Korematsu campaigned for the Redress and Reparations Bill, which President Reagan signed in 1988 to apologize to the Japanese and Japanese Americans that had been unjustly imprisoned in Japanese American Concentration Camps during the war, closing a terrible chapter in American history; and

WHEREAS, as a wife and mother, Kathryn Korematsu was very active in the San Leandro community as a member of the San Leandro Lioness Club, Girl Scout Brownie Leader and Den Mother, deeply involved in her church, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby wish Kathryn Korematsu a very Happy Birthday, and proclaim Wednesday, March 14, 2012 as "**KATHRYN KOREMATSU DAY**" in 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 12th day of March 2012.