

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, Mourning Mother's Awareness Day is a time for families and friends to celebrate the lives of loved ones lost to violence and to raise awareness in the community of the pain and suffering of homicide victim-survivors; and

WHEREAS, Mourning Mother's Awareness Day recognizes that youth homicide is a serious and pressing issue in California and the City of San Leandro strives to decrease the number of unnecessary deaths by encouraging awareness of the problem and activism against violence in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mourning Mother's Awareness Day was established at the behest of Lorrain Taylor, founder of 1,000 Mothers to Prevent Violence, a non-profit organization that has served more than 150 families throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area and continues to meet the ongoing needs of victim-survivors; and

WHEREAS, Mourning Mother's Awareness Day gives victim-survivors and their families a chance to take action by participating in the Third Annual Mourning Mothers Walk for Peace to join in solidarity to raise awareness of the ongoing impact of violence on families and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2012 as "**MOURNING MOTHER'S AWARENESS DAY**" in San Leandro and call upon all residents to show support for victim-survivors and to work harder as a community to bring to an end these unacceptable tragedies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 5th day of May 2012.



Mayor
City of San Leandro, California