Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

SOS/MEALS ON WHEELS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, San Leandro is home to 12,000 residents over the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, the California Health Information survey shows that 40,400 seniors in Alameda County or 19% of all seniors living in the area, can be considered food insecure. Food insecure seniors depend on Service Opportunity for Seniors/Meals on Wheels for nutritious meals delivered to them on a regular basis. SOS/Meals on Wheels serves over 250 San Leandro seniors annually whom, without their services, would be at risk for hunger; and

WHEREAS, SOS/Meals on Wheels plays an important role providing homebound seniors with nutritious meals, a safety check in and a friendly visit, ensuring that they can continue to live independently in their homes; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant gap between the number of seniors that SOS/Meals on Wheels are currently able to serve and the total number of food insecure older adults. Food insecurity is an issue that has been exacerbated by declining public and private resources for older adults, and rising food, transportation and operational costs for SOS/Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and support for SOS/Meals on Wheels is needed to combat the threat of isolation, hunger and loss of independence faced by many seniors; and

WHEREAS, to address this issue, SOS/Meals on Wheels are celebrating 50 years of service on Saturday, May 14, 2016. This celebration brings together community leaders, donors and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, every person has a role to play in combatting senior hunger and can show their support by celebrating 50 years of service. The wellbeing of our seniors is vital to the health and economic vibrancy of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016 as **"50th ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS/ MEALS ON WHEELS"** and recognizes the need to fight against senior hunger and isolation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2016.

Pauline Russo Cutter
Mayor
City of San Leandro, California