

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROTACARE WEST CONTRA COSTA FREE CLINIC AND DR. PATE THOMSON**

**WHEREAS**, the RotaCare West Contra Costa Free Clinic in Richmond was established in 2013 to provide access to healthcare services to very low-income, uninsured residents of West Contra Costa County and the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Clubs of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, El Cerrito, San Pablo/El Sobrante, Pinole and Hercules-Rodeo-Crockett came together in collaboration for the creation, support and ongoing success of the RotaCare West Contra Costa Free Clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, RotaCare West Contra Costa Free Clinic patients have access to compassionate healthcare services, including free prescriptions, lab work, diagnostic imaging, social services, diabetic supplies and patient education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of the Clinic is to provide hope, dignity and compassionate care to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, RotaCare West Contra Costa is a Bay Area nonprofit where medical professionals volunteer to provide free primary and urgent care to uninsured patients through donations by local Rotary clubs, private donations and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 13 years since its inception, the RotaCare West Contra Costa Clinic has provided 6,933 medical visits to 3,655 patients, helping these patients receive preventative care such as cervical cancer, cholesterol and diabetes screening; and

**WHEREAS**, through this treatment, patients are able to avoid costly emergency room visits. Those who are managing their chronic diseases with appropriate medications are able to stay well enough to continue working to support their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the RotaCare West Contra Costa Free Clinic has more than 70 volunteers including 20+ licensed physicians and nurse practitioners, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pate Thomson envisioned and established this clinic and became the founding Medical Director, working diligently over the years to recruit physicians and nurses, Rotarian volunteers, community supporters, and student volunteers through relationships established with pre-medicine undergraduate programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pate Thomson, led the effort to affiliate the clinic with RotaCare Bay Area as a satellite clinic securing the facility license, regulatory support, operational guidance and organizational foundation needed to serve the community, and went on to serve as a member of the RotaCare Bay Area Board.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Albany, hereby recognizes the service provided by the RotaCare West Contra Costa Free Clinic and thanks Dr. Pate Thomson for his extraordinary vision, exemplary leadership, compassion and dedicated service to the residents of West Contra Costa County and surrounding area.

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PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR