

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
PROCLAMATION
IN MEMORY OF LOUIS "LOU" VACCARO**

WHEREAS, Lou was born in 1925 in San Francisco and as a boy used to summer in Fairfax, traveling by ferry and train in the days before the Golden Gate Bridge was built; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Lou joined the Navy and served on a submarine chaser in World War II, returning to California and settling in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Lou Vaccaro and his wife of 57 years, Jean, made their home and raised their three children (Anthony, Chris and Valoree) in Fairfax next door to the house where Lou summered as a child; and

WHEREAS, Lou's son Chris currently occupies the very house where Lou spent so many happy childhood summers; and

WHEREAS, Lou was the proud and loving grandfather of Gianni, Lia, and Louie; and

WHEREAS, Lou loved gardening, golf, tennis, hunting, fishing - Fairfax Creek runs along the border of Lou's property and he often spoke of the many types of fish, birds, other wildlife and flora both in and along the creek and how they changed over the years ; and

WHEREAS, Lou recounted that opening day of trout season in Fairfax used to be a school holiday to allow students to go fishing, and he was active in ensuring the health of the creek and its fish; and

WHEREAS, Lou spoke of the early days of Fairfax, that on the property across the street from him, the owners grew apples, grapes, peaches, and walnuts and sold them at a stand on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Lou could always be found Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Barefoot Café, enjoying breakfast with his buddies, including his life-long best friend Eugene "Gene" Ardito (who met his wife through Lou); and

WHEREAS, Lou, an optimistic and sociable guy, was also an active participant in local Fairfax government, often showing up at Town Council meetings to share his views and ideas; and

WHEREAS, Lou had a well-lived life, and Fairfax is a better place because of him,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED,
In honor of the memory of Lou Vaccaro,
December 2, 2015, is Lou Vaccaro Day in the Town of Fairfax.**

Barbara Coler, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM # 3