

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 5, 2002 AS

## "MAY LOUIE" DAY

ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

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WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that on June 5, 1912 in Columbus, Ohio, MAY LOUIE was born May Chan, the second of two daughters and the eighth child of ten of her father, Chan Lee and her mother, Wong Hei; and

WHEREAS, MAY LOUIE's grandfather, who was a landowner and home builder, was also a Chinese scholar, holder of the distinguished Sho-Tsai degree, a rare and unusually high honor in the 1800's; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the disastrous famine in Guangdong and Fukien provinces of China in the early 1800's, MAY LOUIE's father came to the United States to help build the transcontinental railroad, working on the segment from California to El Paso, Texas and, afterward he married and moved to Biloxi, Mississippi where he owned and operated a small store, later moving to Columbus, Ohio where he owned and operated a laundry; and

WHEREAS, after her mother died in the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, MAY LOUIE was sent to China for schooling where she endured harsh living conditions and survived malaria fever and returned to Ohio in 1928 at age 16 aboard the USS President McKinley and, following the death of her father, she provided loving care for many years to elderly foster parents, Walter and Sadie Hauptfuier in Canton, Ohio where she studied piano, flute and piccolo and became a music teacher; and

WHEREAS, after her marriage to Toy (Troy) Louie who owned and operated a wholesale Chinese grocery business and noodle factory in Cleveland's small Chinatown, MAY LOUIE moved to Lakewood, Ohio (a Cleveland suburb) and was a homemaker, family money manager, and mother of two boys - James (born 2/24/44) and David (born 6/19/50) whom she instilled a love of music with Jim playing clarinet, tenor sax and singing in the church choir and David playing clarinet; and


WHEREAS, in an early effort to bring diversity to television, MAY LOUIE encouraged her sons to appear on a live Cleveland NBC TV public affairs program produced by a neighbor which David appeared on weekly for eight years from 1955 to 1963 (from age 5 to 13) and which kindled an early interest in a career in television; and

WHEREAS, MAY LOUIE, who was widowed in 1980 lived on her own for 16 years before moving to San Mateo, California in October of 1996 to live with her son, David, while continuing to live an active life which includes the hobbies of needlepoint, petit point and crochet, cooking, collecting recipes, watching television cooking shows and taking pride in her son David, here in California, and her son, Jim and daughter-in-law, Vana, and their two adult children, Linda May Louie and Michael Louie of Mayfield Heights, Ohio,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors that June 5, 2002, is hereby designated "MAY LOUIE" Day and they extend the very best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

DATED: June 5, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

  
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JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT