



*Proclamation
Of the Mayor
Of the City of Los Altos, California*

WHEREAS, Maria Gonzalez was born in Jalisco, Mexico and came to California in 1969 at 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, Maria Gonzalez, along with her siblings worked in various lines of work from picking fruit to tech assembly lines; and

WHEREAS, Marie Gonzalez, studied English and went on to work for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Maria and her husband, Antonio, became owners of Tom's Depot, the legendary Los Altos restaurant located in Loyola Corners and quickly became cornerstones of the community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Gonzalez was well known and loved by her customers, many of whom had been going to Tom's Depot since they were children and now bring their own families, as "the heart and soul" of Tom's Depot; and

WHEREAS, Marie Gonzalez prided herself on her restaurant, where guests became part of her extended family; and

WHEREAS Maria Gonzalez cared a great deal for the children and families of the community as well as the environment as shown through her enthusiastic participation in GreenTown Los Altos' "Skip the Straw Campaign," and

WHEREAS Maria Gonzalez demonstrated her dedication to the Los Altos community by donating to local causes such as the annual soup drive, preparing and delivering lunches for local schools, and hosting city and resident meetings, and

WHEREAS Maria Gonzalez kept the history of Loyola Corners as a train stop alive by continuing to display the café's original artwork and photographs; and

WHEREAS Maria Gonzalez was a woman of great faith who lived a life dedicated to others and demonstrated strength, grace and perseverance.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jan Pepper, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council, do hereby issue this Proclamation in memory and honor of Los Altos community member **Maria Isabel Rios Gonzalez, November 5, 1951 – November 6, 2020.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 24th day of November 2020.

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR