



# *P r o c l a m a t i o n*

## *Imura Japanese Restaurant*

### *January 19, 2021*

- WHEREAS,** Imura opened its doors nearly 30 years ago in 1992, with a focus on generously serving fresh food; and
- WHEREAS,** at least one of Imura's current owners, Tae Song, Jim Song, Kevin Kajihara and Jee Kajihara, are always there to welcome their customers and take care of the food quality; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura stopped advertising years ago, choosing instead to invest that money in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura has regularly donated to Pajaro Valley Shelter Services, Monarch Services, Watsonville Youth Training and Pajaro Valley Loaves & Fishes for years as well as making monetary contributions to other local non-profits; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura has participated in the annual Wine & Roses event for over 25 years, graciously giving away hundreds in restaurant gift certificates and prizes for Kokoro No Gakko, Japanese summer camp; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura also donates these certificates to various others, such as Music in May, Monterey Bay Academy, Moreland Notre Dame, Pajaro Valley High girls' softball, Watsonville High scholarship programs, Aptos Junior High's reading program, Sheriff's civilian volunteers, Santa Cruz County Sheriff and CASA of Santa Cruz County; and
- WHEREAS,** prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Imura's owners would regularly take their kids to help serve food or treats to members of the senior center; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura has always kept the best interests of their employees in mind, and refused to lay any of them off during the pandemic, instead working with them to ensure they all kept their jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** Imura's owners hope to be known in the community as a business with integrity, who takes care of its employees that are like family.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Imura Japanese Restaurant and its owners for their ongoing contributions to the community and wish them continued success in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, Two thousand and twenty one.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Jimmy Dutra, Mayor**