

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the JW Foundation was formed through the efforts of an extraordinary young man, Jan-Willem Knapen (JW); and

WHEREAS, JW is fighting a virulent form of inoperable brain cancer, but in spite of his own fight, he is unselfishly dedicating himself to raising funds to help others in similar situations; and

WHEREAS, the JW Foundation's mission, envisioned by JW, is to build a house near Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara, where families can stay with their loved ones during long hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the JW House will organize and support a network of volunteers that will provide meals, rides, babysitting, errands and networking groups, in support of families of patients undergoing treatment away from home; and

WHEREAS, with the help of his oncologist and friend, Dr. Alan Wong, JW's dream is becoming a reality, with Kaiser Permanente providing the land and committee members organizing fundraisers that are well on their way to reaching the goal of \$250,000 needed for the house itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICIA M. MAHAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby extend our congratulations to JW and the JW Foundation for their efforts to build **JW House** for the benefit of all who find themselves in need of respite while fighting illness.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 11th day of January, 2005.



PATRICIA M. MAHAN
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara