

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**IN HONOR OF**  
**Vernon LEFTY Gomez**

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Louis "Lefty" Gomez was born and raised in the Bay Area in California, played sandlot baseball in Oakland while attending Richmond High School, and played for the San Francisco Seals after high school, and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 1933, Lefty married June O'Dea, a Broadway star and Lefty and June had 4 children and 7 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, as a pitcher for the Yankees, Lefty had an unparalleled career, winning six consecutive World Series games; and

**WHEREAS**, Lefty won 20 regular season games four times, was an All-Star every year from 1933 to 1939, and led the American League twice each in winning percentage and Earned Run Average (ERA), and in shutouts for 3 seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, Lefty pitched for the New York Yankees from 1930 - 1942; and

**WHEREAS**, in his later years Lefty was a Fairfax resident, living with his wife and family at 33 Porteous Avenue from 1968-1975; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972 the Lefty Gomez Field was dedicated in his honor in Fairfax and remains today as a well-used field for recreational sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Lefty was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Lefty was also inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame (1981), the East Bay California Hall of Fame (1986), the Yankee Stadium Monument Park (1987), the Babe Ruth International Hall of Fame (1991), and the Hispanic Heritage Ball Hall of Fame (1999 and 2013); and

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**WHEREAS,** Lefty's daughter Sharon Gomez Carstensen lived in Fairfax for 38 years until her untimely passing this year; and

**WHEREAS,** Lefty's grandson Scott Carstensen is a Fairfax resident; and

**WHEREAS,** Lefty was known and loved for his colorful personality and sense of humor throughout his career and life, and was respected by his peers, the citizens of Fairfax and everyone who knew him; and

**WHEREAS,** Lefty's memory lives on in Fairfax, where the local middle school ballfield is named in his honor, and all the school children know of his legendary career; and

**WHEREAS,** Lefty's descendants continue to live in and near Fairfax, and play on Lefty Gomez Field; and

**WHEREAS,** Lefty spent the last years of his life in Marin County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED,**  
in honor of the memory of Lefty Gomez, November 4, 2015, is  
**Lefty Gomez Day** in the Town of Fairfax.



Barbara Coler  
Mayor of Fairfax

