



City of Fortuna *Proclamation*

In Recognition of Honoring Doctor George and Sylvia Jutila for Their Lifetime of Service and Compassion

July 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Doctor George Jutila and his wife Sylvia first arrived in Fortuna on a pleasant September day, drawn by the welcoming spirit of the 'Friendly City' and the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to an established physicians' practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jutila, a military physician honorably discharged from service, was hired promptly as a family physician, dedicating nearly seven decades of compassionate care to the residents of Fortuna and the surrounding Eel River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jutila has been known for his unwavering availability, regularly making home visits to those unable to travel, and responding to patients' needs at all hours, embodying the true spirit of a community healer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jutila generously mentored and inspired countless individuals pursuing careers in healthcare and other professions, offering wisdom, encouragement, and guidance that helped shape the next generation of compassionate professionals; and

WHEREAS, George and Sylvia Jutila opened their home and hearts to over ninety individuals, including post-operative patients, indigent community members, foreign exchange students, and church missionaries, offering shelter, care, and dignity to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Jutila has devoted her life to humanitarian service in Humboldt County through tireless volunteering with the American Cancer Society, church-sponsored relief projects, Food for People, and other charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Together, George and Sylvia have provided countless meals, compassion, and companionship to individuals during times of hardship, modeling the highest ideals of generosity, empathy, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, their legacy of love and service continues to inspire generations of Fortuna residents and stands as a testament to what it means to be community pillars;

*N*OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City Council of the City of Fortuna hereby honors and recognizes Doctor George and Sylvia Jutila for their extraordinary contributions, enduring kindness, and unparalleled service to the community, and expresses deep gratitude on behalf of all residents.*

*S*IGNED *this 21st day of July, 2025 at the City of Fortuna, in the State of California, and in witness thereof, the seal of Fortuna.*

*Mike Johnson,
Mayor, City of Fortuna*