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## City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Proclamation recognizing Elsie Cox Overton – Executive Office

**Submitted By:** Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager on behalf of Mayor Butler

**Date Submitted:** May 30, 2023

**Work Session Date:** June 5, 2023

**Council Meeting Date:** June 5, 2023

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**Background/History:**

This proclamation is in recognition of Ms. Elsie Overton, who will turn 104 on June 1<sup>st</sup> and is currently ranked as one of the oldest living residents in Clayton County and the entire State of Georgia. Having been born just after the end of World War I, Ms. Overton’s memories of growing up in the 1920s and 1930s still remain vivid to this day, including a tour of the Kennesaw Mountain Civil War Battlefield given by her grandfather, Uel Ewel Kelly, who was a veteran of that battle, as well as a ride in a new Model A Ford her father bought on the eve of the 1929 Stock Market Crash. Ms. Overton worked for the Avon Corporation in Atlanta and retired after more than 20 years of service, but continued to remain active in her community through her volunteer work as a member of the of the Rock Springs Baptist Church and poll worker for both the city and Clayton County. Ms. Overton has lived in the City of Forest Park for over 60 years and survives two husbands, Luke Cox Sr. and John Overton; and three sons, Luke Garrett Cox, David Cox and Phillip Cox – all of whom were veterans of the Vietnam War. She also has six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild

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**Cost: \$**

**Budgeted for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Financial Impact:**

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**Action Requested from Council:**