

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alice Johnson Williams was born October 22, 1923 in Green Cove Springs, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is the daughter of William (Green Cove Springs, FL) and Alice Johnson (Aiken, SC) who lived to 90 years of age, and is a granddaughter to her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Johnson (married William "Willie" Johnson) was known to have sold land to the Atlantic Railway and other property on the coast of St. Johns River with some deeded to their children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams' siblings included three brothers and two sisters, namely Willie, who served in the U.S. Navy; Roosevelt, who joined the U.S. Army; Rudette, who was a musician; Marie who lived until 99 years old and whose employment included the Afro-American Life Insurance Company that was founded by Florida's first Black millionaire Abraham Lincoln Lewis of Jacksonville; and Theda, an educator and owner of a private kindergarten school in Green Cove Springs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams attended then "Dunbar School" at Walburg Street and Cypress Avenue her entire school life, and graduated in 1942 as an athlete on the Dunbar Girls Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was married to one husband, Isaiah Williams, and traveled internationally with him during his military career living in England and Germany along the way, but returning to her beloved Green Cove Springs, Florida, where she has impacted the lives of generations of youth at her church, Mt. Zion AME Church-Green Cove Springs, Florida, through past volunteerism as a director of its Youth Department coordinating several youth-selected and church-sponsored programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has survived as a community centenarian at 100 years old plus, was featured in the **Clay Today** newspaper, and is the eldest living member of Mt. Zion AME Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Green Cove Springs hereby recognizes and celebrates the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Alice Johnson Williams, and all that she has contributed to youths and the community over her lifetime.

Section 2. A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024.



CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Constance W. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:


Erin West, City Clerk