

The Town of Highland Beach, Florida

Proclamation

**HONORING GERTRUDE KOSOVSKY
103RD BIRTHDAY**

- WHEREAS,** Gertrude Kosovsky recently celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 16th; and
- WHEREAS** She was born on May 16, 1923, in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up during the Great Depression, developing the resilience, determination, and compassion that have characterized her remarkable life; and
- WHEREAS,** after earning a degree in chemistry from Hunter College, Gertrude contributed to the nation's wartime efforts by working in various physician laboratories in New York City and several Army hospital laboratories during World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** together with her husband, Dr. Harold Kosovsky, she raised two children and later pursued a successful career as an interior decorator and became a distinguished collector of the James McNeill Whistler artwork, with her collection now part of the Frick Collection and being shared with the public; and
- WHEREAS,** following the passing of her husband, Dr. Harry Kosovsky, she moved to Highland Beach in 2017, fulfilling a lifelong dream of living by the ocean at the age of 95; and
- WHEREAS,** Gertrude Kosovsky resides in the Highland Beach community with her son, embracing the Town's unique coastal character, library exhibits, and the kindness and friendship of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I NATASHA MOORE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION
do hereby proclaim

May 16, 2026

as

"Gertrude Kosovsky Day"

and extend our heartfelt wishes to Gertrude Kosovsky on celebrating her 103rd birthday and wish her continued health and happiness in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida to be affixed this 16th day of June 2026.

**NATASHA MOORE
MAYOR**

