



# Proclamation

## GEORGE W. LINN WEEK

April 15 - 19, 2024

**WHEREAS**, George Ward Linn, a distinguished resident of Howey-in-the-Hills and a visionary in the world of philately, made significant contributions to the stamp collecting community through his innovative work and publications; and

**WHEREAS**, born on February 7, 1884, in Ohio, George Linn's journey in philately began in his youth, culminating in the founding of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" in 1928, a publication that has become a staple in the philatelic world, mirroring his dedication and passion for the hobby; and

**WHEREAS**, George Linn's pioneering creation of the first cacheted first-day covers marked a significant milestone in philatelic history, beginning with the commemorative cover for President Warren G. Harding on September 1st, 1923, showcasing his innovative spirit and dedication to the craft; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1953, George Linn chose the peaceful and welcoming community of Howey-in-the-Hills as his retirement sanctuary, where he continued to influence the philatelic world, contributing his expertise and passion to our local community and throughout the world until his passing on March 27, 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, George Linn's enduring legacy is recognized and honored through his posthumous inductions into the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame in 1967 and the American Stamp Dealers Association Hall of Fame in 2013, reflecting his lasting impact on the philatelic community; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the George W. Linn Stamp Club at the Marianne Beck Memorial Library in Howey-in-the-Hills serves as a testament to his enduring legacy, encouraging the exploration and appreciation of philately among new generations within our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Martha MacFarlane, Mayor of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15 through 19, 2024, as George W. Linn Week in honor of the establishment of the George W. Linn Stamp Club at the Marianne Beck Memorial Library, inviting all residents to celebrate the remarkable life and contributions of George W. Linn, a cherished member of our community whose work continues to inspire and unite millions of stamp enthusiasts around the world.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha MacFarlane, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Brock, Town Clerk