

Borough of Tinton Falls County of Monmouth May 16, 2023

Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Thomasina "May" Tocco

WHEREAS, May Tocco was born on May 12, 1923, to Rosaria and Philip Ciaravino. The family resided in Bensonhurst where they raised 2 little girls, Josephine, and May. Their first child, a son, sadly died at birth.

WHEREAS, May attended public elementary school and high school. During her school years she not only studied her subjects but excelled in art. After high school, she continued with the arts and worked as a textile designer; and

WHEREAS, May married John Tocco on February 16, 1947, and raised two children, Rosemary, and John. Together they have three adult grandchildren and five great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, May received her associate's degree from City University and was employed as an Art Teacher for the diocese of Brooklyn. Following her retirement and the death of her husband, May moved to New Jersey.

WHEREAS, at 100 years of age, May keeps herself busy with the Art Guild in Red Bank and has participated in art shows in the area. May also enjoys crafts and listening to music; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Tinton Falls, do hereby honor Thomasina "May" Tocco and congratulate her for 100 years full of love, memories, and joy.

Mayor Vito Perillo