



## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING THE 104<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF MS. GLADYS LEWIS BRANCH

**WHEREAS**, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Louisburg recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of senior citizens to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gladys Lewis Branch was born in Louisburg, North Carolina on August 20, 1918 to Ethel Cooke Lewis and John Rischel Lewis and married Maurice Hubert Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Branch had two children, a son Maurice Herbert Branch, Jr. (1951-1974) and a daughter Connie Branch Wilson; two grandchildren, Natasha Wilson and Nicole Kornijenko (husband Alexander Alejandro); and three great grandchildren: Mila Alejandro, Mazin Alejandro, and Mateo Alejandro; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Branch makes her home in Raleigh, NC with her daughter Connie and still loves to be independent, cooking her breakfast, folding clothes, and taking care of some light housekeeping; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Branch continues her long life of traveling, talking to young people, and being active and young at heart; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has the greatest number of centenarians in the world, and today Ms. Branch should be honored for 104 years on this earth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Christopher Neal, Mayor of the Town of Louisburg and on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Louisburg, honor Ms. Gladys Lewis Branch for her long life and prosperity, and wish her many more.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022

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Christopher Neal, Mayor

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Lori Rogers, Interim Town Clerk