

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Gladys Green Clark

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

WHEREAS, Gladys Clark has had a long and productive lifetime, and has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Clark, was born in New Castle, Delaware, on January 9, 1919, and recently celebrated her 100th Birthday; as a lifelong resident she attended the Booker T. Washington School in New Castle where she started first grade in 1924, later she was instrumental in the restoration of the School which now houses the New Castle Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Clark's husband, H. Sylvester Clark was the first African American to serve on the New Castle City Council and she became the first woman to serve on that Council after his death in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Clark helped form the Community Progressive Club to provide activities for New Castle's youth, it went on to house the Head Start Program, and was the original site of the New Castle Senior Center. For many years the Progressive Club provided free tutoring to students. Gladys loved working with children, and personified her favorite Frederick Douglass quote, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and members of the City Council desire to publicly acknowledge and thank Gladys Clark for her impact to this community, and do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Proclamation to Gladys Clark on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Dated this 12th Day of February, 2019

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