PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF HELEN (PRYSLAK) NATYZAK

WHEREAS, Helen Pryslak was born on April 16, 1920, to Ukrainian immigrants who moved to Great Meadows, Independence Township, New Jersey, in the early 1920s when there was a large migration of Ukrainian and Polish immigrants to the Great Meadows and Johnsonburg during that time due, in part, to the movement of European borders as a result of World War I; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents of the Great Meadows and Johnsonburg areas were of Ukrainian and of Eastern European descent and welcomed Helen's family to the area; and

WHEREAS, Helen worked at her family's vegetable farm in Great Meadows; and

WHEREAS, Helen met and married Barney Natyzak, who operated a dairy farm in the Johnsonburg area, and she subsequently moved to Johnsonburg in 1950; and

WHEREAS, through the years Helen worked on the Natyzak dairy farm as well as a school bus driver for the Frelinghuysen Township School, and in various factory and manufacturing jobs to support her family; and

WHEREAS, Helen is retired, and is a member of the Frelinghuysen Township and Independence Township senior groups; and

WHEREAS, Helen is a parishioner at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Meadows, a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, a church, in communion, *sui juris*, with the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020 Helen celebrates her one-hundredth birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 22nd day of April, 2020, by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee, on behalf of the residents of the Township of Frelinghuysen, that we hereby convey our deepest best wishes and happiness on her one-hundred birthday to Helen (Pryslak) Natyzak for her dedication to her family and the betterment of our Township community, and wish the best of luck to her for many more birthdays to come.

Donna Zilberfarb, Clerk

Christopher Stracco, Mayor