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WILLIAM HOWARD CHITTENDEN**

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WHEREAS, William Howard “Chick” Chittenden was born on May 16, 1920, attended York Community High School and joined the United States Marine Corps in October 1939. One of his first duties led him to a Marine Security Guard Detachment of 140 Marines, which was made to surrender to an overwhelming force of Japanese. The surrender happened on the morning of December 8, 1941, the day after the attacks at Pearl Harbor, and thus began his 1,364 days in captivity;

WHEREAS, from December 1941 to September 1945, Corporal Chittenden, along with many other POWs endured imprisonment and abuse as they moved through five different POW camps (2 in China, 3 in Japan), which grew progressively oppressive. He and his fellow Marines survived a myriad of deprivations and aerial bombings before they were liberated on September 15, 1945;

WHEREAS, upon returning home, Corporal Chittenden earned his college degree from Notre Dame University in 1949. He worked for Sears & Roebuck for 32 years, raised three children and wrote a book about his experiences in retirement, "*From China Marine to Jap POW: My 1,364 Day Journey thru Hell*;"

WHEREAS, today he is the only survivor of the original 140 China Marine Security Guard Detachment captured at the outset of WWII;

WHEREAS, he celebrated his 100th birthday on May 16, 2020, when a “window parade” passed outside his nursing home in Wheaton. In addition to the parade, he was given other congratulatory letters, birthday cards and a Marine American Eagle Statue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bloomingdale, DuPage County, Illinois that Corporal Chittenden is recognized as a true hero and further declare May 16, 2020 as William Howard Chittenden Day.

DECIDED pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Vince Ackerman	X			X
William Belmonte	X			X
Bill Bolen	X			X
Frank Bucaro	X			X
Patrick Shannon	X			X
Judi Von Huben	X			X
Franco A. Coladipietro (if necessary)				X
TOTAL	6	0	0	7

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Village of Bloomingdale Board of Trustees on the 26th day of May, 2020.


 Franco A. Coladipietro
 Village President

ATTEST :


 Jane E. Michelotti
 Village Clerk