



Office of the Mayor

Village of Bloomingdale

## PROCLAMATION

*Mary V. Rog Day – May 3, 2018*

**WHEREAS**, Mary was born on May 3, 1918, in Fall River, Massachusetts to John and Sophie Koziara Kupiec. When she was six, her father sent Mary, her mother and three sisters Veronica, Helen and Lillian, to her parents' homeland, Poland, hoping for a better life for them; and

**WHEREAS**, life in Poland was very harsh; they lived in a one-room house with a relative sleeping on a dirt floor, until thanks to the money Mary's father sent from the U.S., her mother was able to buy some farmland. Farm life was hard; Mary was able to only go through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She did find happiness in sewing, especially dresses for her dolls; and

**WHEREAS**, when Mary was 19, she decided to move back to America to live with her father. She and a friend moved to Chicago where there was more opportunity and a large Polish population. When she landed a job sewing in a small dress factory, she found her career and eventually worked as a drapery seamstress until she was 90; and

**WHEREAS**, she met her husband Kazimierz (Casimir) at a Polish Social Club and they married in 1944. The couple had two sons, Richard and Casimir, who in turn produced five grandchildren, which led to five great-grandchildren. Mary always had a passion for her family that continues to this day. She always wanted them to have a better life than she did. Among the many life lessons she taught her sons, "Never give up – you can achieve what you wish for" truly reflects her own life.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on the occasion of Mary's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, I, Franco A. Coladipietro, Mayor of Bloomingdale, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018 to be **Mary V. Rog Day** in Bloomingdale. Her persevering spirit and passion for family is an inspiration to us all. We join her family and friends in wishing Mary a very happy birthday!



*In witness thereof I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of this village to be affixed.*

Mayor 

Date May 3, 2018