



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Village of Bloomingdale
 PROCLAMATION
THOMAS DOODY DAY
JULY 15, 2023

Whereas, Thomas J. "TJ" Doody was born to John Doody and Nellie (Cullhain) Doody on July 15, 1923, both of whom emigrated to the United States in the early 1900's. TJ was the youngest of 3 children; Katherine and Leo were his siblings. TJ attended St. Gertrude's elementary school & continued his education at St. Bede Academy, Peru, Illinois where he graduated in 1941; and

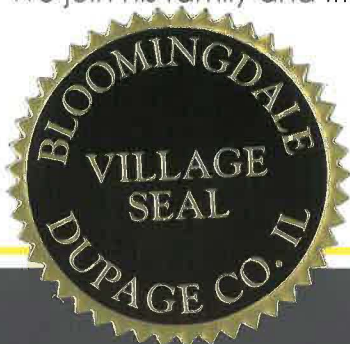
Whereas, after enlisting in the United States Army, TJ qualified as an air cadet in 1942, was assigned as a 1st Lieutenant and pilot at an air base in England. His duties included escorting bombers, strafing & performing fighter sweeps. A highly decorated veteran, TJ earned an Air Medal, Silver Oak Cluster and Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, flew 269 combat hours & 51 sorties (sudden attacks by troops from a defensive position); and

Whereas, TJ Married Catherine McCafferty Doody during his final year of flight training in Florida. Together they had 4 children: Tom, Jack, Susan and Michael. Upon TJ's return from active service, he completed an apprenticeship in scientific glassblowing and was hired by Argonne National Laboratory. Throughout his 32 years at Argonne, TJ collaborated with scientists & created custom glassware to enable breakthrough research. TJ was presented with the Kermit Fischer Award by the American Scientific Glassblowers Society & received a patent for his invention of a multiple outlet semi-ball and socked valve; and

Whereas, On July 14, Thomas J. TJ Doody will celebrate his 100th birthday surrounded by family & fellow residents at Lakeview Memory Care Bloomingdale, where he has lived for the past year. Afterward, TJ and his family will dine at his honorary table designated by a photo of him & his P-51 fighter jet.; and

Whereas, today TJ has 6 grandchildren & 14 great-grandchildren; he lights up when hearing the wonderful experiences that his great grandchildren are having in college.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that on the occasion of TJ's 100th birthday, I, Franco A. Coladipietro, Mayor of Bloomingdale, do hereby proclaim July 15, 2023 to be **Thomas Doody Day** in Bloomingdale. His passion for family, education and life are an inspiration to us all. We join his family and friends in wishing TJ 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 _____