



**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
GERALD JOSEPH MOOD**

WHEREAS, Gerald Joseph Mood was born on November 26, 1937 to John and Alice Mood in Smyrna Delaware, graduating in 1957 from Smyrna High School;

WHEREAS, dedicated to the community, he enlisted and served in the United States Navy onboard the USS Oriskany as an electrician, continuing that work after his military service at General Foods for over 30 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mood served for over 65 years with Citizen Hose Fire Company, Station 44, serving as Chief from 1971-1973 and from 1979-1982, was appointed to the Board of Directors in 1965, and was a member of the CHC marching band;

WHEREAS, he responded to over 12,000 alarms, the only member to hold such a record, and was part of the select few when he achieved the rank of Chief Emeritus;

WHEREAS, he was a quiet and reserved man, cunning and revered also, leading the front with courage and tenacity, never joining in quarrels, but making sure to set everyone straight;

WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Polycarp's Catholic Church, having read the Word of God during Mass, served on committees, and performed weekly altar preparations;

WHEREAS, passing on Monday, September 30th, 2024, he will be remembered for his devotion to his family and community, his honesty, his fairness, his kindness, his compassion, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert C. Johnson, Mayor of Smyrna, Delaware, along with all members of Smyrna Council, do hereby celebrate the life and legacy of GERALD JOSEPH MOOD.

Signed this 7th day of October 2024



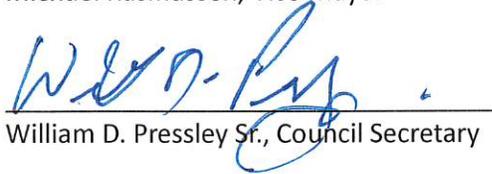
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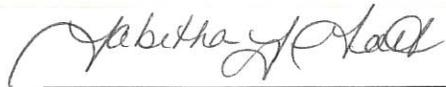
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Michael Rasmussen, Vice Mayor



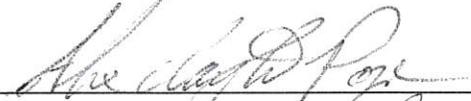
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