

# PROCLAMATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF NATIONAL CITY

## **NATIONAL CITY CELEBRATES CENTENARIAN J. ROSE MENDOZA**

**WHEREAS**, J. Rose Mendoza born in Lompoc, Ca on August 30, 1922 moved with her mother, Eulalia to National City, California at the young age of 3. She lived with her Aunt Louisa, Uncle Leopoldo and two cousins; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose's mother married Zackarias Zarate and together they had 5 children. The children attended National City Elementary, which no longer exist, then National City Junior High School and Sweetwater High School. After High School Rose worked at Van Kamp Tuna Company with her mother. During WWII Rose worked for Rohr Company making parachutes and riveting airplane parts and went back to work for Van Kamp after the war; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose and her sisters volunteered at the local USO where she met a young marine, Stanley Gentz, Jr., at a USO sponsored dance in 1946 who became her husband on March 30, 1947. He finished his Marine Corp service and was part of the Marine Corps Reserves and they moved to his hometown of Galveston, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Stanley and Rose started a family, a son Stanley III and a daughter Donna. In August 1950 Stanley was recalled into the Marine Corps because of the Korean War and stationed in San Diego, California. Rose was back home with her family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose went back to work at Van Kamps and had another child, Richard. The family attended Saint Anthony's Church regularly and the children attended Lincoln Acres Elementary and later Las Palmas; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose raised her children many years without Stan while he served his time in the Marine Corps until he returned home in 1962. The family was complete once again.

**WHEREAS**, Rose later joined The Casa and the Kimball Center where she enjoyed dancing and playing Bingo and also enjoyed going to the casinos. Rose Mendoza National City resident celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. When asked what is her secret she'll say that home remedies are the best medicine and by signing in church you'll live a long life; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR ALEJANDRA SOTELO-SOLIS OF NATIONAL CITY, CELEBRATE CENTENARIAN** on this day, September 6, 2022,

### **J. Rose Mendoza**

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