

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Stanley Potrzeba upon the occasion
of celebrating his 102nd Birthday

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Stanley Potrzeba upon the occasion of his 102nd Birthday to be celebrated on Saturday, May 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in recognition of his valiant service as a member of the United States Navy during World War II, the Village of New York Mills will present Stanley Potrzeba with a special Veteran's Banner at the New York Mills Senior Center on Tuesday, May 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Born in Massachusetts on May 18, 1922, Stanley Potrzeba and his family moved to New York Mills in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Potrzeba was known as a "Jack-of-all-trades," having worked as a Glazer, Tool Maker, Corduroy Cutter and Steam Fitter; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1944-46, Stanley Potrzeba worked at an Army Air Corp base as a fire/crash rescue member; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to local veterans, Stanley Potrzeba was a founding member and Commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Edward Bator Post No. 21; he was also an active member of the New Hartford Post American Legion and Whitestown Overseas Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Potrzeba, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Potrzeba has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the profound charm and wisdom which comes only from a fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those who have reached such a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century, while themselves contributing to the growth and excellence of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Stanley Potrzeba upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stanley Potrzeba.