



**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING OVER A CENTURY
OF LIFE:
MARY MAGDALENE WHITEHEAD**

WHEREAS, much has happened in the world since 1915. It was indeed a year worth remembering for many historical occasions and noted are just a few, the Rocky Mountain National Park was established by an act of the U.S. Congress; the United States House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote; the controversial film, *The Birth of a Nation* premiered; the first stone of the Lincoln Memorial was set; Babe Ruth hit his first career home run.

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Whitehead was born May 12th, 1915 in Raleigh, North Carolina to Marld and Alice Holloway; she was one of 10 children in a large family with seven brothers and two sisters.

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Whitehead moved to Handsome, Virginia where she worked as both a housekeeper and midwife and later worked at a paper plant in Franklin, Virginia.

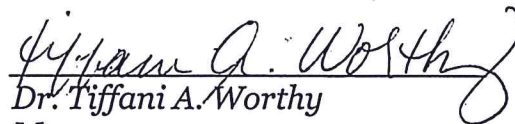
WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Whitehead met and married DeHaven Whitehead in 1935 and they created a large family of five girls and three boys. In 1962 they moved to Brooklyn, New York, to raise her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren along with the children from the neighborhood.

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Whitehead, a savvy entrepreneur with a heart for the community owned and operated a neighborhood candy store and also sold prepared meals she cooked for the community; through these efforts Mary Magdalene Whitehead became affectionately known as 'Big Mom'.

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Whitehead moved to Rahway, New Jersey in 2012 where she lived among family and friends and today she resides in Willingboro, NJ.

WHEREAS, we are honored to be able to reflect upon the legacy of Mary Magdalene Whitehead with her family particularly during a period of time that has been marked by loss and stressors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy, Mayor of Township of Willingboro, along with the Willingboro Township Council, and Willingboro residents do hereby recognize and celebrate Mary Magdalene Whitehead's 106th birthday.


Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy
Mayor

In Witness whereof I
Hereunto Set My Hand
and Seal of Willingboro
Township this 12th day
of May 2021