

# **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, we have gathered today with family and friends on this occasion to celebrate the life of Josephine Ann Rapp, “Jo” who will turn 100 years old on April 19, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Josephine married Charles C. Rapp on June 22, 1940 and were blessed with 10 children with whom were in turn blessed with 28 grandchildren, 45 great grand children and 5 great-great grandchildren; and,

**WHEREAS**, A life-long learner, accomplished cook, superior seamstress and a master creator of crafts, she is a successful fundraiser and philanthropist; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jo has played a instrumental roll in the growth of her parish, St. Barbara’s Catholic Church for the past 34 years, she is also a member of the Red Hats, the Crafty Ladies, Beechgrove Homemakers, St. Barb’s Seniors, and the Bereavement Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, A favorite bible verse of Jo’s, which is engraved on a stone at St. Barbara’, is Corinthians 13:13: “And now these three remain: Faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love”; and,

**WHEREAS**, Although Jo is small in stature, she is a larger than life role model, exhibiting extreme determination and compassion by serving the underprivileged, often fighting for those who are unable to fight for themselves; and,

**WHEREAS**, If you ask her for the secret to a long and happy life, she will offer the following advice, “Live one day at a time, thank God, and keep smiling”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC HAAS**, as Mayor of the City of Fort Thomas, Campbell County, Kentucky, hereby proclaim that, **April 19, 2016** be designated as:

## **“JOSEPHINE ANN RAPP DAY”**

*Within the City of Fort Thomas, and remind residents that God is present and has been working through Jo Rapp for the last 100 years!*

**SIGNED:**

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*Eric Haas, Mayor*