

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we are gathered here today to honor Virginia Ella Schry Hosea Francis as Grand Marshal of the Fort Thomas Independence Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Jinny Hosea was born on March 14, 1916 and was the largest baby born at that time in Campbell County at 12 pounds, 4 ounces; and

WHEREAS, Jinny grew up in Dayton, Kentucky swimming with friends at Tacoma pool and was a Dayton cheerleader for Coach Wooden in the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, Jinny met her first husband, Henry Hosea at the Dayton Beach and was married in 1939, she was a typical 1950's homemaker and raised a son, David Hosea and a daughter, Cindy Hosea Roth; and

WHEREAS, Jinny worked for Bell Telephone Company where she was an elevator operator; and

WHEREAS, Jinny and Henry moved to Fort Thomas in 1951 and joined Fort Thomas Christ Church where she is still a member today; and

WHEREAS, she was a very supportive wife to Henry who was president of Hosea International as well as a member of the Committee of 500, and many bank and charitable boards; and

WHEREAS, Jinny is the devoted grandma, known as "Gram" to 7 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she married Colonel Roger Francis in 1991 and her extended family of step sons, daughters and grandchildren grew and she become known as "Gram" and "Gigi" to her beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Jinny still resides in Fort Thomas and is possibly Fort Thomas' oldest resident at 101!

NOW, THEREFORE, I ERIC HAAS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, do hereby proclaim that July 4, 2017, be declared as:

"Virginia Ella Schry Hosea Francis Day"

within the City of Fort Thomas and hereby ask that local citizens honor her and express best wishes and admiration to her on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

*Eric Haas, Mayor
City of Fort Thomas, Kentucky*