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Village of Orland Park Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE 107TH BIRTHDAY OF CONNIE GURGONE**

Whereas; Longevity of life is a blessing not only for the individual but also for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings; and

Whereas; The Village of Orland Park recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of the senior citizens in our community; and

Whereas; Connie Gurgone was born on October 11, 1917 in Chicago, she was one of five children and they grew up in an apartment over her family's market on Wentworth in the Chinatown neighborhood. After graduating 8th grade, she worked at her parent's store until the day she got married; and

Whereas; Connie married Sam when she was 28 years old and they were married for 46 years. Her fondest memories were raising their five children, weekends at local ballrooms dancing together, and when Sam retired, they went to church every day together; and

Whereas; Connie moved to Orland Park in 1996, where she still lives on her own in her condo. She still enjoys dancing, singing, cooking, praying, decorating and cleaning her condo; and

Whereas; She has had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the US, as well as multiple international cruises and a trip to Europe. Her favorite adventure was to Las Vegas, doubling down on her luck in life, once even winning a jackpot; and

Whereas; Connie's family describes her as, fun, independent, a food lover and an entertainer. Connie enjoys being around her friends and family. She has 5 children, 5 grandchildren and 7 great- grandchildren.

Whereas; Connie attributes her lasting good health mainly to the fact that she never learned to drive. When she was in her 40's her husband tried to teach her how to drive. Connie put a stop to it, literally taking her hands off the wheel. Sam got the message and did not try to teach her again. She was happy to walk everywhere she needed to go. Walking daily, eating healthy, laughing a lot, and a positive outlook on life has kept her healthy. She is thankful for God's gift of a long life and has always tried to never live a boring one. Her family and friends firmly believe she will outlive all of them; and

Now, therefore, I, Keith Pekau, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 11, 2024, Connie Gurgone Day in the Village of Orland Park.

Signed: _____

Keith Pekau, Village President

Village of Orland Park

Dated: October 7, 2024