

Proclamation

Presented to
Rosemary Duffy Larson
on the occasion of her
100th Birthday

- WHEREAS,** Rosemary Duffy Larson was born on May 5, 1916 and will be joined by her family and friends for a birthday celebration on May 1 at the Fountainhead Lounge; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosemary was born and raised in Ohio. She graduated from the Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music where she earned a Master's degree; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosemary began her political and civic career after her marriage to Judge T.J. Duffy. At the Governor's invitation, Rosemary chaired the Ohio State Bicentennial Ball. She received the Human Resources Award from the United States for her service on the Festival Committee and was one of 300 women chosen by the president to attend the "Women's Role in Politics" Conference at the White House; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosemary is a woman of many talents. She served her country, state, and local community on numerous boards and committees some of which include: State Vice Chairman, National Committeewoman, the Ohio Arts Council, the Board of License Appeals, the Board of Trustees for the Veteran's Memorial Building in Columbus, Project Hope, CARE, March of Dimes, Women's Division of the Columbus Symphony, Children's Hospital, American Association of University Women and many more; and
- WHEREAS,** after her marriage to C.E. Larson, II, Rosemary spent much of her time in Washington D.C., where she chaired the Hope Ball; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosemary is listed in "Who's Who in American Women," "Who's Who in American Politics," and the "Blue Book of the States." She has received awards for her work with the Kidney Foundation, the American Red Cross, and the Spirit of Broward award for Goodwill Industries; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosemary has also chaired many "balls" including the Columbus Symphony Ball, The Ambassador's Ball, The Fort Lauderdale Council Navy League Ball, the Fort Lauderdale Freedom Foundation Ball and the Fort Lauderdale Philharmonic Symphony Ball. In 2007, Rosemary was named the Symphony of the America's "Woman of the Year" and is a keen supporter of the Symphony's mission to foster cultural relations internationally and to enrich and improve the lives of everyone through the magic and power of music; and
- WHEREAS,** this beloved lady has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the gentle charm and wisdom which comes only from a fullness of years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale do join Rosemary's family and friends in wishing her a magnificent 100th Birthday filled with love, joy, and happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, May 5, 2016 as:

Rosemary Duffy Larson Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale in recognition of her 100th Birthday.

DATED this, the 1st day of May 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

