

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, The City of Stow is proud to remember and honor Jan Mather; and,

*WHEREAS*, Janet H. Mather was born November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1941, in Marietta, Ohio and passed away unexpectedly on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and,

*WHEREAS*, We are gathered this morning to honor Jan's life and the time we shared with her; and,

*WHEREAS*, Jan and Laura Root saw a need and ran with organizing their ideas and their plan to reduce food insecurities for our students in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District and together, they shared their first official Bulldog Bag Board meeting in January of 2016; and,

*WHEREAS*, Bulldog Bags is continuing to serve more students and families and continues to increase the number of volunteers, continuing to fulfill the dream and plans of Jan and Laura; and,

*WHEREAS*, I am certain Jan's name comes up regularly among Bulldog Bags Board members, volunteers, and so many others that had the pleasure of knowing her. Jan exemplified providing needs for others, serving others and inviting all of us to "be a little kinder, to care more, to love more, give more, and of course, to serve more."

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, hereby proclaim this day, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Jan Mather Day in Stow, Ohio. Please, take time today to remember what a gift Jan was to each of us and strive to continue her work of spreading kindness, caring, and serving more. To quote Jan, "If you don't think there are any good people left in this world, I want you to look to your right, now look to your left. You just saw two really good people."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

A blue ink signature of John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio.

John Pribonic, Mayor