

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay James was born in Charleston, West Virginia on May 17, 1924, to parents Charles and Wanda McNeil. Ora Gay had three siblings, one sister and two brothers; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay is the mother of three children: Judith Lynn, Paul Franklin and Dana Wesley James; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay is the proud grandmother to Katherine and John of Stow, Wanda, Rebecca, Shawn and Dana of Charleston. As well as great-grandmother to Andrew and Christopher of Stow, Kadence, Presley, Rebecca and Christopher of Charleston; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay during her career worked for AT&T, Shell's Grocery Store and Monroe Business Machines. After 65 years of working, she retired in 1989; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay was very involved at Central United Methodist Church in Charleston, West Virginia. She was a member of United Methodist Women as well as participated in fellowship, Sunday school, crafts, exercise class and the food pantry; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ora Gay moved to Stow in May of 2018 to live with her daughter and be close to her remaining family. She also became a member of the Stow United Methodist Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2024, as Ora Gay James Day here in Stow! I encourage everyone to celebrate with Ora Gay today, tomorrow and every day by sharing a smile with her and enjoy her special Birthday celebrations. Ora Gay, this is your day and we wish you joy, happiness and health; Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
John Pribonic, Mayor