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#### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Diamond Chamallas was born on November 7, 1914 in Lowell, Massachusetts to Stanley and Florence Tsamolas (original Greek spelling) who immigrated from Lagathia Greece. When Diamond and her 6 siblings started attending school the spelling of their last name was modernized to Chamallas for ease in pronunciation; and

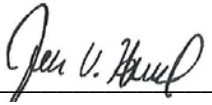

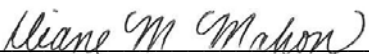
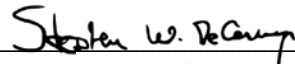

**WHEREAS:** Diamond was Valedictorian of her graduating class from Lowell High School. As a result of the hard times of the era she was not able to pursue a college degree as she would have liked. Her brothers George and Chris came to Arlington having bought Martin's Diner on Mass. Ave. in Arlington Center after the end of WWII. This prompted the other siblings to follow them to Arlington. Diamond worked as a Sales Associate at Touraine's Ladies Clothing Store on Mass. Ave. in Arlington; and

**WHEREAS:** In the late 1950s her brothers sold Martin's Diner and purchased Kendell Diner in Cambridge, partnering with their other two brothers Alex and Nick. Diamond became the hostess/waitress and her sister Catherine a waitress. In 1960, Diamond with her two remaining single siblings, Alex and Catherine, constructed a house that Diamond designed in the new development called Poet's Corner in Arlington where Diamond has lived for the past 60 years; and

**WHEREAS:** In Diamond's younger years she always enjoyed singing at the Greek Church, dancing at The Commodore Ballroom in Lowell and participating in the Young Democratic Party. She loved decorating her house and used to work in her yard cutting grass and trimming bushes up to her late 90s. She is blessed with 7 nieces and nephews, 10 great nieces and nephews and 14 great-great nieces and nephews; and


**WHEREAS:** On November 7, 2020, due to the restrictive COVID 19 Pandemic Guidelines, instead of a traditional birthday party, a festive drive-by parade was held for her birthday celebration which she loved. Happy 106<sup>th</sup> Birthday Diamond!

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Select Board, in honor of Arlington's eldest living resident, proclaim November 7, 2020 Diamond Chamallas Day in the Town of Arlington to commemorate her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are honored to wish her good health, happiness and prosperity on behalf of the past, present and future residents of the Town in celebration of this remarkable birthday.

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ATTEST:

By:   
Board Administrator