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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Herbert C. Hurd and Catherine M. Hurd were the proud parents of 10 children (8 sons and 2 daughters) all born in their family home in the Town of Arlington; and

**WHEREAS:** Herbert, together with his eight sons, Arthur, Frederick, Charles, Herbert Jr., Franklin, John, Carlton, and Walter comprised the "Hurd Family Nine", a semi-professional baseball team from the Town of Arlington in the 1930s; and

**WHEREAS:** The "Hurd Family Nine" team has the distinction of being the only semi-professional baseball team to be wholly comprised of a father and his 8 sons; and

**WHEREAS:** The team played its home games in Arlington, and away games as far away as Lewiston, Maine, proudly displaying "Arlington Mass" on their jerseys wherever they played; and

**WHEREAS:** The youngest member of the team was killed in action in World War II and in whose memory the "Walter G. Hurd Field" is dedicated; and

**WHEREAS:** After the team disbanded, several of the Hurd brothers coached, umpired, and volunteered for numerous youth programs in the community; and

**WHEREAS:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has recognized the Hurd Family Nine and its unique part of baseball history, and accepted one of the three remaining "Hurd Family 9" jerseys into its archives to be rotated on display at the Hall of Fame.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Select Board of the Town of Arlington recognize the Hurd Family Nine baseball team and its unique part in Arlington town and baseball history.

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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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