



**Recognizing Mr. Delbert A. Underwood**

**April 10, 2024**

**Whereas**, Delbert A. Underwood was born on April 7, 1924, in Williamson County, Illinois to Allonia and Lillie Underwood; and

**Whereas**, Delbert enlisted in the military service on July 21, 1943, and was sent overseas first to Australia and New Guinea and then to the Philippines on March 21, 1944, for the Liberation of the Philippines; and

**Whereas**, Delbert received the following Decorations and Medals for his service; Overseas Service Bar, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal; and

**Whereas**, Delbert returned to the United States of America on the USS Enterprise on January 16, 1946, and married his childhood sweetheart Helen Lee Atwater on November 30, 1947. Delbert and Helen had three children, two sons and one daughter; and

**Whereas**, Delbert loves being outdoors. He enjoys deep sea fishing with friends, gardening and ministering. He has been a Jehovah’s Witness Minister for over 65 years; and

**Whereas**, Delbert has lived in Pasadena, California, the beautiful home of the Rose Bowl Parade, Shangri-La City, China, San Diego, California, and owned a lovely beach home in Rosarita Beach, Baja California. He now lives in sunny Avondale, Arizona.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, and along with the entire Avondale City Council, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2024, as “Delbert A. Underwood Day” in honor of his 100 Years.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk