



Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Francis Willis

September 20, 2024

Whereas, Francis Willis entered the world in the vibrant city of Racine, Wisconsin, nestled along the picturesque shores of Lake Michigan in 1924. Her parents were hardworking Italian immigrants who had come to America in search of new opportunities and a better life for their family; and

Whereas, Francis Willis was one of five children in her family. She grew up with her two brothers, Bendidito and Frank, and her two sisters, Angelina and Rosie. Their close-knit family experienced many adventures and created countless cherished memories together; and

Whereas, Francis Willis met Allen and fell in love. Their love stood the test of time as they were happily married for seventy-one years. During their long and joyful marriage, they were blessed with a son whom they named John; and

Whereas, Francis and Allen's son, John, decided to establish a home for himself, found a life partner, and later blessed them with two grandsons, Brian and David; and

Whereas, Francis Willis dedicated the majority of her life to working in factory assembly production, where she honed her skills and contributed to the manufacturing process. In her leisure time, she finds joy in dancing, engaging in lively games of bingo, and testing her luck at various slot machines. Her love for slot machines often led her to take exciting trips to Las Vegas, where she could immerse herself in the vibrant casino atmosphere.

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 September 20, 2024, as "Francis Willis Day" in honor of her 100 Years.

Mayor

City Clerk

Attest: