

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Eugene F. Meenagh, the son of Eugene F. Meenagh and Catherine Meenagh, was born in New York City on October 4, 1922, grew up in the Bronx and graduated from Mount Saint Michaels High School, and

Whereas, upon graduation from high school in 1940, he was accepted into Fordham University but postponed his college career due to World War II, and

Whereas, in 1942, at Mitchel Field Hempstead, L.I. Eugene Meenagh enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and was deployed to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations where he served as an aircraft mechanic working on C-47s cargo planes, and

Whereas, Corporal Meenagh and his family paid the ultimate price of war when he lost his brother, 1st Lieutenant William F. Meenagh, a B-17E Navigator who was classified as Missing-In-Action after a bombing mission in the Pacific Theater on September 17, 1942 and is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines and

Whereas, after World War II, Corporal Meenagh returned to New York City where he attended Fordham University on the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, and

Whereas, in 1948 Eugene Meenagh was accepted into the New York Police Department and served his beloved city as one of their Finest for 38 years, rising to the rank of Detective Lieutenant, and

Whereas, upon retirement from the NYPD in 1985, Eugene Meenagh became a permanent resident of Copake, and was elected Copake Town Justice and served two terms in the 1990s, and

Whereas, Eugene Meenagh was married to the former Mary Catherine King until her death in 1999 and together they have seven children, nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Members of the Copake Town Board do hereby express gratitude to **EUGENE F. MEENAGH**, a member of the Greatest Generation, for a life of patriotism and community involvement, and on behalf of the Town of Copake, congratulate him on the celebration of his 100th birthday and **do hereby proclaim Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2022 as EUGENE F. MEENAGH DAY in the Town of Copake.**

Stanley Gansowski
Councilmember

Terry Sullivan
Councilmember

Dated: November 10, 2022
Copake, New York

Richard Wolf
Deputy Supervisor

Jeffrey Judd
Councilmember

Jeanne E. Mettler
Supervisor