



# Official Proclamation

## City of Hastings, Michigan

### Honoring Robert Frey on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday



- Whereas:** Robert was born on April 11, 2020 in Barry County, Michigan to Fred J. Frey and Lola Winters. Robert has three siblings, Leo Frey, Eloise Sheppard, and Joyce. Robert was raised on a farm in Bristol Corners in Johnson Township Barry County Michigan. As a child, Robert attended Culver School a single room rural school near his home; and
- Whereas:** The family farm is where he spent most of his life. He remembers when the main road was just an old Indian trail for horse and wagon, until the highway was built in 1932. It is now called M-37 Highway; and
- Whereas:** As a young adult, Robert met a city girl from Grand Rapids, MI. Her name was Mary Mathews and they were married April 24, 1946 and made their home on the family farm. She passed away September 23, 2002, after 54 years of marriage. They have two children Kenny and Karen and three grandchildren. Robert was a dedicated farmer most of his life. Robert owned and cared for over 300 acres of land at one time and learned how to drive a stock truck loaded with cattle to get to the stockyards; and
- Whereas:** After working on the farm, Robert wanted to volunteer his time. He was acting school board member and treasurer of the board and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Bedford. Robert gave up farming and went to work for the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek where he worked for 15 years until his retirement in 1982; and
- Whereas:** Robert was an avid fisherman and has many memories to share. Robert was especially fond of baseball. He played on several neighborhood teams, his favorite position was pitcher. When Al Kaline was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown NY, Robert was there! He has traveled to Florida to watch the Detroit Tigers during spring training, he is a huge Detroit Tiger fan!.

**Now Therefore** I Mayor David J. Tossava, on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council, do hereby wish to recognize and congratulate Robert Frey on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this the April 11, 2020.

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David J. Tossava, Mayor