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VIOLA ROBERTS LAMPKIN BROWN DAY PROCLAMATION 2021-02P

WHEREAS, Viola Roberts was born on October 4, 1911, in Hume, Virginia, the youngest of James and Maria Roberts' 13 children, and

WHEREAS, in 1918 Viola and her parents moved to Clarke County where they and Viola's brother Harrison worked at Springfield Farm as laborers and domestics, and

WHEREAS; Viola married John Lampkin in 1936, and together they built a home in Josephine City south of Berryville, using part of a livery stable that Mr. Lampkin moved seven blocks from Berryville's Main Street to Josephine Street, and

WHEREAS, Viola worked for decades as a cook at the Knoll, a grand home on South Church Street in Berryville, before returning to work at Springfield Farm in the early 1960s, and



WHEREAS, after John Lampkin died in 1982, Viola married Paul Brown in 1988, and following his death ten years later Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown carried on as the matriarch of a family that includes two children, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and more relatives and friends than one can count; and

WHEREAS, over the course of more than a century, Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown has witnessed Clarke County's progress and growth, which reflects the growth of our nation, and she has made extraordinary memories that are woven into her unique narrative of American history, and

WHEREAS, centenarian Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown, who still lives in her Josephine Street home where she maintains a daily routine that includes spiritual reflection, now joins a small but extraordinary group of individuals known as supercentenarians,

NOW, THEREFORE Clarke County Board of Supervisors Chairman David Weiss does hereby proclaim October 4, 2021, as VIOLA ROBERTS LAMPKIN BROWN DAY, in celebration of her 110th birthday.

Attest: 2021-02P

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