

# **PROCLAMATION**

## ***A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE, LEGACY & BLACK EXCELLENCE***

### **HONORING MRS. LOUISE JENKINS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview proudly pauses to honor and celebrate the extraordinary life of Louise Jenkins on the remarkable occasion of her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins represents a living testimony of faith, sacrifice, perseverance, motherhood, and Black excellence, whose life has impacted generations through her strength, wisdom, and unwavering love; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Mrs. Jenkins courageously journeyed from Autaugaville, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois, carrying with her hope, faith, and determination to create a better future for her family and generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins is the proud mother of fifteen children and, after the heartbreaking loss of one child at birth and the passing of her husband in 1975, she stood as the foundation of her family; raising fourteen children with dignity, discipline, compassion, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, through sacrifice, hard work, and unwavering commitment to education, all fourteen of her children attended and graduated from the Proviso Township School District, reflecting the values and expectations she instilled within her home; and

WHEREAS, her legacy now extends through 40 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren, and 66 great-great-grandchildren, each generation carrying forward the seeds of faith, strength, family, and love planted by their beloved “BigMa”; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins’ impact reaches far beyond her family, as she has long served as a pillar within the community, opening her home and heart to countless individuals in need of encouragement, nourishment, comfort, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, as a founding member of Lively Stone Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Jenkins has remained rooted in faith and service, helping build a spiritual foundation grounded in unity, compassion, and enduring purpose; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred years, Mrs. Louise Jenkins has exemplified what it means to live a life of grace, quiet strength, humility, sacrifice, and unconditional love, leaving an immeasurable imprint on all who have been blessed to know her;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Katrina Thompson, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of the Village of Broadview, do hereby proudly proclaim our deepest appreciation, admiration, and celebration of

## **MRS. LOUISE JENKINS**

for one hundred years of extraordinary life, enduring faith, generational leadership, and immeasurable community impact.

May her story continue to inspire generations to walk in faith, lead with love, and never forget the power of resilience, family, and purpose.

Because at the end of the day... it is always about the PEOPLE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Broadview to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katrina Thompson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.

Mayor Katrina Thompson  
Village of Broadview