

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Mary Francis Mahan was born on July 18th, 1911 in Marietta, Georgia. She was

born Mary Francis Grogan and was born in a house on Grogan street in Marietta;

and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mahan's maiden name, Grogan, is well-known throughout the city of

Marietta. Grogan Street in Marietta, just off Highway 120 near Bell Park was

named for Richard Grogan. Mahan's grandfather; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mahan was born on Grogan Street, as were her four sisters - Einora,

Virginia, Laura and Tessie - and her brother, Douglas. The house is still on

Grogan street and her sister Virginia, who is 92, lives there now; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mahan celebrated her 104th birthday at a celebration at Cole Street

Missionary Baptist Church. Mary Francis has gone to Cole Street Missionary Baptist since she was a child and she met her husband, William Mahan, there

when they were teenagers; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mahan visited Cole Street Missionary Baptist Church every Sunday to say

thanks for her beautiful life! Her parents taught her to go to church every

Sunday and that she should go and celebrate life. She believes her faith is what

has kept her strong over the last 104 years; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mahan would always say, "Look up and live. No matter what you're going

through, look up and live;" now

THEREFORE: I, Steve Tumlin, Mayor of the City of Marietta, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 18,

2015 as

Mary Francis Grogan Mahan Day!

in the City of Marietta and urge all citizens to join in wishing her a very happy 104th birthday!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Marietta to be affixed this 18th day of July, 2015.

R. Steve Tumlin Ir., Mayor