

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Michael A. Cocca, Sr. of 10 West Street, Green Island, the son of the late Concetta and Anthony Cocca, will celebrate his 90th Birthday on Friday, March 27th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mike is a native and lifelong resident of the Village of Green Island, and has raised his family here, along with his wife of 67 years, Marian Botticelli Cocca and their four children; Anthony, Christine, Michael and Joseph, and Mike is the proud grandparent of six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mike being a lifelong member of our community, he has been an asset and a wealth of knowledge to the Village, the Town, the Green Island Power Authority and the Villlage of Green Island Industrial Development Agency in the many positions he has held over the years such as: Zoning Board Member, Village Trustee, Deputy Mayor, GIPA Trustee/Vice Chairman, IDA Board Member, Chair of the Village Building Code Review Board, Executive Board of the Senior Citizens Club of Green Island and the Green Island Senior Housing, LP; and

WHEREAS, Mike served his country in the U.S. Navy Air Corps from 1943 – 1946 during the Pacific Theater with five (5) major engagements and was awarded a Navy Air medal; and

WHEREAS, after his time serving his country, Mike went on to study at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) to receive his Bachelor's Degree in 1951 and his Master's Degree in 1959 both in Metallurgical Engineering, all while starting his married life on June 27, 1948 and raising his beautiful family and working full-time; and

WHEREAS, during his long and productive lifetime, he has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages because of his knowledge, experience, wisdom, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mike has always been active in community organizations and was very active in the Italian Fraternal Society of Green Island, NY, along with being a member of the Legnard Curtin Post #927 American Legion, the Watervliet Lodge of ELKS, American Society of Metals, the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity at RPI, the Elfun Society G.E. Co.; and

WHEREAS, Mike has received many honors and achievements throughout his lifetime and has been recognized as a public speaker, author and has published numerous articles, and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Green Island we are happy and proud to call Michael A. Cocca, Sr., one of our own.

NOW, THEREFORE, Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan, Mayor of the Village of Green Island, Rachel A. Perfetti, Supervisor of the Town of Green Island and Kristin M. Swinton, CEO of the Green Island Power Authority take great pleasure in proclaiming Friday, March 27th, 2015 to be

“Michael “MIKE” A. Cocca, Sr. Day”

in the Village of Green Island, New York.

By the authority vested in us as Mayor, Supervisor and CEO, we have hereunto set our hands, and have caused the seals of the Village and Town of Green Island and the Green Island Power Authority to be affixed this 26th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

*Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan
Mayor*

*Rachel A. Perfetti
Supervisor*

*Kristin M. Swinton
GIPA CEO*