

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rachel A. Grout, a lifelong resident of the Town of Winchendon, a Murdock High School graduate Class of 1937, has enriched our Town by dutifully and lovingly giving of her time in ways too numerous to list, volunteering her service to her town, her community, her church, and, most near and dear to her heart, the men and women of our Armed Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rachel A. Grout has been recognized with numerous awards within her lifetime, such as: the recipient of the "Rachel A. Grout Day - May 25, 2013" proclaimed by the Board of Selectmen; recipient of the "10,000 Volunteer Hours Award" from Catholic Family Life in 2009; Grand Marshall of the Winchendon Summer Solstice Parade, 2009 and 2013; recipient of the "Clark Memorial Community Service Award" in 1994 with her late husband, Charles E. Grout; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rachel A. Grout is a lifelong member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1937 and has enriched many lives with her passionate and caring embrace of Veteran's affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rachel A. Grout along with her daughter, Coral Grout, has generously donated a considerable sum to the Town of Winchendon for a beautiful park to be enjoyed by all to be located at the intersection of Glenallen Street and Spring Street in memory of her late husband, Charles E. Grout, and her parents, Stanislas and Odile LaPlante; and

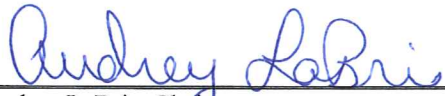
**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rachel A. Grout celebrated 100 years of life, March 2, 2019, with a joyous birthday party celebration held on May 11, 2019 attended by many who wished to honor her and express their love and gratitude;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINCHENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN** extends its congratulations and best wishes for this milestone birthday year and does hereby proclaim Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, **May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, as

### "RACHEL A. GROUT DAY"

in the Town of Winchendon, Massachusetts in celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and with sincere appreciation for her many, many years of service, volunteerism and dedication to the community she loves and to the men and women of our Armed Services.

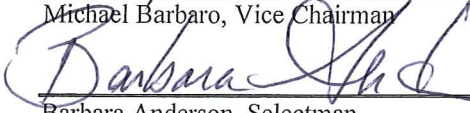
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Winchendon Board of Selectmen to be affixed on this twenty-third day of May 2019, A.D.



Audrey LaBrie, Chairwoman



Michael Barbaro, Vice Chairman



Barbara Anderson, Selectman

