

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize causes and events that warrant our attention; and

WHEREAS, Toledo native **Jamie Farr** celebrates his ninetieth birthday on Monday, July 1st, 2024; and

WHEREAS, **Jamie** was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, known as the North River neighborhood and the Vistula Historic District. **Jamie** sold The Blade subscriptions and is a proud graduate of Woodward High School. His first acting gig was at age eleven, where he won two dollars in a local talent contest. He continued to prove his talent, later writing and acting in two variety shows, becoming an editor for the school paper, serving as president of the Radio Club, and even managing Woodward's football and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, **Jamie** left Toledo to train at the historic Pasadena Playhouse. He then began starring in *The Red Skelton Show* before being drafted into the Army. On August 22nd, 1959, he returned to California to continue his acting career. In October of 1972, **Jamie** appeared on *M*A*S*H* for the first time as Corporal Maxwell Klinger. Much like himself, Corporal Klinger was a Lebanese-American from Toledo. Frequently mentioning notable Toledo traditions such as Tony Packo's Café and the Toledo Mud Hens, **Jamie** made sure to pay homage to his roots; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, **Jamie** was asked to lend his name to a golf tournament. In 1984, the **Jamie Farr Toledo Classic**, an annual LPGA tour, held its inaugural event in Sylvania, Ohio. **Jamie** hosted the golf tournament for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, **Jamie** has never forgotten Toledo, continuously giving back and making guest appearances at events in the City. You cannot go far in Toledo without seeing his legacy, whether it be **Jamie Farr Park**, a signed hotdog bun, Scott High School's performing arts wing, or **Jumpin' Jamie**, his very own fiberglass frog; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Toledo, we extend our best wishes on the occasion of **Jamie's** ninetieth birthday. We appreciate the continued love he has shown for the City of Toledo!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby honor

Jamie Farr

Upon the occasion of his 90th Birthday

in the City of Toledo, and encourage all residents to join me in celebrating his special day. We commend **Jamie** for living his life fully and for touching the lives of those around him. We wish him a very happy ninetieth birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 12th day of June 2024.

Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor