



# City of Framingham

## Proclamation

### December 19, 2023

## Karen & Mark Curtis Day

**WHEREAS**, Since 1989, Karen & Mark Curtis have been providing a roast turkey dinner, along with a slice of pie, on Thanksgiving to many individuals in MetroWest;

**WHEREAS**, Decades ago, Karen & Mark Curtis saw a need in the community on Thanksgiving, and with a passion for food and cooking, filled a void in Framingham and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, the Wednesday night prep party was a tradition for many families, sports teams, Scouts, and organizations, including the Framingham High swim teams, who wore their swim goggles as they chopped onions and the Framingham High hockey teams who peeled butternut squash;

**WHEREAS**, For decades, close to 2,500 people on Thanksgiving day enjoyed roast turkey, with gravy, squash, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and a slice of pie at a sit-down dinner at Eagles Hall and through deliveries by hundreds of volunteers;

**WHEREAS**, After the Eagles Hall was no longer available for a sit-down meal, the Thanksgiving tradition continued through a pick-up and delivery service of meals on Thanksgiving at the United Way of Tri-County in Framingham;

**WHEREAS**, The tradition did not stop during the pandemic years, with more than 1,200 meals delivered by 100-plus volunteers organized by Diane Lynch;

**WHEREAS**, The selfless and tireless efforts of Karen & Mark Curtis have impacted so many lives in the City of Framingham, and the MetroWest region,

**WHEREAS**, Five generations of the Curtis family have volunteered their time to provide turkey and all the fixings during their annual holiday feasts;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, We, City of Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council, hereby declared tomorrow, December 20, 2023, Karen & Mark Curtis Day in the City of Framingham.

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

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Attested to by:

Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk  
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