



City of Framingham

Proclamation

February 6, 2024

Judith Grove Day in Framingham

Whereas, Judith (Cuilla) Grove grew up in Melrose, Massachusetts. She was the second of four children of Frank Gregorio and Josephine Cuilla, born on February 6, 1944.

Whereas, Judy graduated from St. Mary's High School in Melrose. She then attended, and graduated from Harvard University. She particularly enjoyed environmental courses, and was deeply influenced by Rachel Carson's writing. Judy then earned a Master's degree in teaching from Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Whereas, she married Thomas Grove at St. Paul's in Cambridge. While teaching at Emeryville Junior High School, located just north of Oakland, California, she gave birth to her first son, in Berkeley. Her second son was born in Iceland. She has 3 grandchildren. She was a foster parent in Duluth, Minnesota, for several children and teens.

Whereas, she returned to Massachusetts and became an ophthalmic technician and worked in Framingham for a number of years, helping train new techs and assisting with surgery. The formula she developed to calculate lens power was used for implants in cataract patients' eyes.

Whereas, Judy was elected a Town Meeting member for Precinct 15. Just about 5 feet tall, she was not shy and always fought for the underdog. She fought for the clean-up of the former General Chemical site, in southeast Framingham.

Whereas, Judy forced the shutdown of the contaminated Mary Dennison playground, that had operated for decades, in a low-income and largely Hispanic and Brazilian neighborhood. And, then Judy advocated in that same neighborhood for their involvement in the redesign of the park & playground.

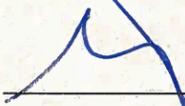
Whereas, Judy worked with teens and young adults, and spearheaded the construction of Framingham's first-ever skate park, never taking no along the long road to its grand opening in 2018.

Whereas, in 2017, Judy was elected the first-ever City Councilor for District 8, and continued to be a staunch advocate for environmental justice neighborhoods and environmental issues, including noise pollution and climate change issues.

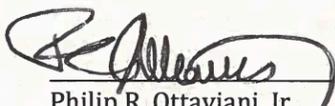
Whereas, Judy successfully represented District 9 residents in the Commonwealth's Land Court decision to halt the installation of a tow yard across from Harmony Grove Elementary School.

Whereas, after one term as a City Councilor, Judy opted to continue her advocacy for open space and recreation projects in environmental justice neighborhoods, and became a volunteer on the City's first-ever Community Preservation Committee.

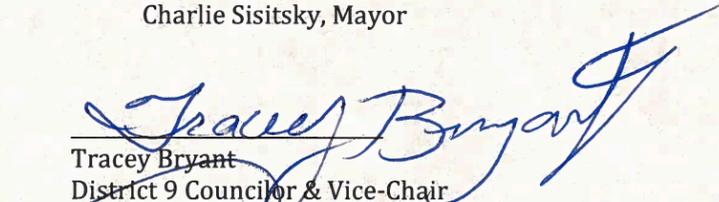
Therefore, the Mayor Charlie Sisitsky, and the legislative branch of the City of Framingham, the Framingham City Council, want to wish Judith Grove a happy 80th birthday and declare Tuesday, February 6, 2024 Judith Grove Day in the City of Framingham.



Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor



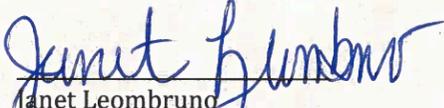
Philip R. Ottaviani, Jr.
District 6 Councilor & Chair



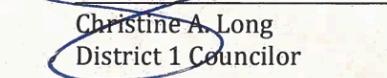
Tracey Bryant
District 9 Councilor & Vice-Chair



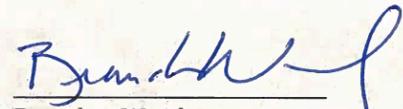
George P. King, Jr.
Councilor-at-Large



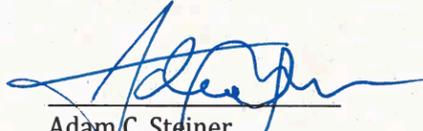
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Councilor-at-Large



Christine A. Long
District 1 Councilor



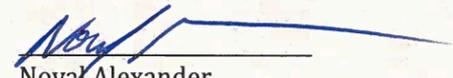
Brandon Ward
District 2 Councilor



Adam C. Steiner
District 3 Councilor



Michael P. Cannon
District 4 Councilor



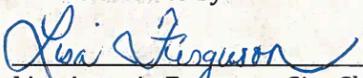
Noval Alexander
District 5 Councilor



Leora Mallach
District 7 Councilor



Leslie White Harvey
District 8 Councilor

Attested to by:


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Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

