

MARIA CLEOFAS HERNANDEZ ARZATE

WHEREAS, Maria Cleofas Hernandez Arzate was born September 25, 1908 in Ruidosa, Texas and will be celebrating her 100th birthday in just two days; and

WHEREAS, Maria Arzate is the matriarch of a family of 7 children and 28 grandchildren with deep roots in Glendale; and

WHEREAS, since 1983 Maria has owned and operated La Esperanza Market, a small business in Glendale; and

WHEREAS, the market is a landmark in the neighborhood and a favorite place for students from Harold W. Smith Elementary School and Glendale High School who have shopped there for years; and

WHEREAS, Maria Arzate is a strong and dedicated woman who has worked hard to serve the needs of the residents in this community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Arzate is widely respected not only because she is a 100-year-old business owner, but also because she is kind and wise.

Now, Therefore, I, Elaine, M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of myself and the City Council, do hereby extend sincere congratulations to Maria Cleofas Hernandez Arzate and urge all citizens to join me in this expression of our appreciation to her for her commitment to the community, and extend our best wishes for her 100th birthday.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 23th day of September, 2008.