

**City of East Lansing, Michigan**  
**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING HENRY NELSON'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**October 18, 2022**

WHEREAS, Henry Nelson was born on October 16, 1922; and,

WHEREAS, in 1940, at the age of 18, Henry moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State College; and,

WHEREAS, he served in the military during WWII and graduated from Michigan State College in 1947; and,

WHEREAS, he married Phyllis Rykala in 1946 in a ceremony held at The Peoples Church; and,

WHEREAS, in 1947 Henry and Phyllis moved from a home on Linden Street to a new subdivision and new home on Kedzie Street, where Henry still lives today and has been the owner/landlord of those properties for 75 years; and,

WHEREAS, Phyllis and their three children are all graduates of Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS, he was director of bands at Bath, Perry and Haslett schools during a 35 year career and served as an adjudicator and clinician at many music festivals; and,

WHEREAS, Henry is a professional musician and still plays flute, piccolo and tuba; and,

WHEREAS, he is the featured piccolo soloist with the Spartan Marching Band at the annual Sparrow Foundation Concert for Kids fundraising event; and,

WHEREAS, he also participates with the MSU Alumni Band in the MSU Homecoming Parade; and,

WHEREAS, he is the musical arranger, director and a performer in the Asbury Brass Quintet; and,

WHEREAS, he has attended sporting events, concerts and other MSU events since 1940; and,

WHEREAS, until recently, he has played in the MSU Alumni Pep Bands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing would like to wish Henry Nelson a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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Ron Bacon, Mayor

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Jennifer Shuster, Clerk