

Proclamation



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WHEREAS: The City of Pompano Beach is proud to recognize and celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of Tony Pelle on the occasion of his 102nd birthday; and

WHEREAS: Anthony Joseph “Tony” Pelle was born on June 19, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, and spent much of his life in Mount Vernon, New York, where he built a loving family and a life defined by hard work, patriotism, resilience, and gratitude; and

WHEREAS: during World War II, Tony proudly served his nation in the United States Army Air Corps from March 23, 1943, until December 12, 1945, as a mechanic supporting military operations throughout Miami, Naples, Foggia, Rome, Arno, Sicily, Morocco, the Suez Canal, Bombay, and Burma; and

WHEREAS: following his honorable military service, Tony pursued a successful career in the entertainment industry, working as a movie projectionist and on sound crews for live television productions and movie sets, while continuing to exemplify dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS: Tony and his beloved wife, Tommasina Visocchi Pelle, built a strong and loving family together, raising two children, Ann Marie and Anthony, and creating a lasting legacy that now includes grandchildren and great-grandchildren who continue to cherish his wisdom, humor, and spirit; and

WHEREAS: throughout his life, Tony has embraced his passions for golf, marble sculpting, baking, and enjoying great Italian cuisine, all while inspiring others through his positive outlook and personal mantra, “Keep moving!”; and

WHEREAS: in April 2023, Tony relocated to South Florida to enjoy the sunshine, warm weather, and the palm trees that he loves, and in January 2024 he was honored through the Florida Panthers Heroes Among Us Program for his military service and patriotism, an experience he described as one of the greatest honors of his life; and

WHEREAS: Tony Pelle’s extraordinary 102 years stand as a testament to courage, perseverance, gratitude, family devotion, and unwavering love of country, and his life continues to inspire all who know him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of our community, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as

“TONY PELLE DAY”

in the City of Pompano Beach and encourage all residents to join in celebrating his 102nd birthday and honoring his remarkable contributions and service to our nation and community.

DONE, this 26TH day of May, 2026.



REX HARDIN,
MAYOR