

# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Francesca was born on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1921 in New York City, New York to Francesca and Julius Caetta, the second of two children, and moved to Emerson in 1956 after getting married; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora and her late husband, Armand, raised two daughters, Elaine and Mary, both retired teachers, and has five loving grandchildren, Justin and Christian Decker, and Steven, David and Katherine Levkoff and still resides in Emerson after 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora began her teaching career at the New York School for the Deaf, the English Secondary School and the Berlitz School in New York City. And shortly after moving to Emerson, Francesca began teaching elementary education where she is still known as one of the most beloved and respected 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in the Borough's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora taught in Emerson for 29 years and touched the lives of each and every student she had, including this Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora has volunteered as the manager of the English as a Second Language program at the Emerson Public Library for over two decades and continued to do so through the Pandemic. As a direct result of her love of teaching, she has taught English to many in order for them to participate in the Emerson community, obtain citizenship and drivers licenses, improve job performances and afforded parents the ability to better communicate with their children's teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora served as a valued member of the Borough of Emerson's Library Board of Trustees for over 24 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora has served as the moderator of the Great Books Discussion Group for over two decades where members come together from surrounding towns to participate in spirited discussions over Plato, Dante and Kafka; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora also worked on the Emerson Centennial Committee and is a devout Catholic serving as a Lector at the Church of the Assumption for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Emerson recognizes with respect and admiration the contributions of Francesca Ianora to our community; and

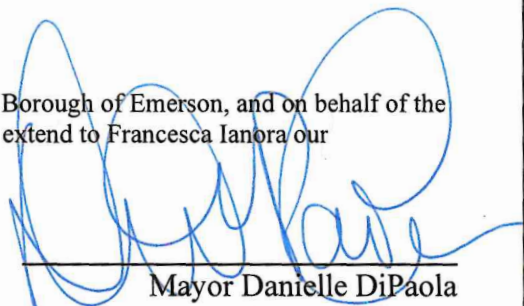
**WHEREAS**, Francesca Ianora is one of the most treasured residents in Emerson, touching so many lives as a teacher as well as a neighbor, it is a privilege for our Family Town to celebrate her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, do hereby congratulate Francesca Ianora on her 105th Birthday, and in genuine appreciation by declaring January 23, 2026 as

### FRANCESCA IANORA DAY

In the Borough of Emerson

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, and on behalf of the members of the Governing Body and the citizens of the Borough of Emerson, extend to Francesca Ianora our congratulations on the occasion of her 105th Birthday.



Mayor Danielle DiPaola  
January 20, 2026