



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; Louise Smalls was born on December 8, 1924; and

WHEREAS; Ms. Smalls is celebrating her 100th birthday this year on December 7th, 2024 in North Charleston; and

WHEREAS; Ms. Smalls faced discrimination and limited opportunities in her youth, yet she persevered to support her family here in Charleston, starting working at a shrimp dock and then becoming a family caretaker for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS; despite challenges, Ms. Smalls has become a pillar in her community; even earning the title "Mother of the Church" for her last 30 years of service at Mt Pisgah Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS; as we reflect on the last 100 years of Louise Small's life, we are encouraged by her selflessness and dedication to her community, something the City of Charleston wishes for all of its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William S. Cogswell, Jr., Mayor of the City of Charleston do hereby proclaim December 8, 2024, as:

LOUISE SMALLS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 7th day of December in the year of 2024.

William S. Cogswell, Jr., Mayor

