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PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** on August 3, 1926, Helen Valentina Levchuk Husenita was born on Canal Street in Lower Manhattan to parents who immigrated from Belarus, Russia through Ellis Island. She grew up with a sister and three brothers during the Great Depression. After graduating high school, she began her professional career with the Atomic Energy Commission on the 23rd floor of the Empire State Building; and
- Whereas,** in 1950 Helen married Paul Husenita. By 1958 their family moved to Jeffrey Drive, where she still resides, the last of the original ten homeowners. She devoted herself to raising three daughters and two sons, all of whom attended local schools, where she served as a room mother and Cub Scout leader; and
- Whereas,** once her children were grown, Helen returned to the workforce, employed first at Barkers Department Store, later working at Revere Corporation of America and Caldor, simultaneously. She retired from Caldor after 23 years of service, where she is fondly remembered; and
- Whereas,** throughout her life, Helen enjoyed gardening, tending flowers and vegetables enriched with “fresh” cow manure from a neighboring farmer. She was known for her cooking, including homemade pierogies, stuffed cabbage and peppers, potato salad, coleslaw, blintzes, and her famous pot roast; and
- Whereas,** Helen’s faith has long guided her. Since 1958 she has been a devoted member of Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Meriden, where she taught Sunday School and participated in the authentic Russian dance troupe; and
- Whereas,** Helen continues to enjoy word search puzzles, Scrabble, and recently returned to crocheting doilies, and attributes her longevity to the salt pork, mashed potatoes, and gravy, all of which she ate growing up.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of the Town of Wallingford do hereby proclaim August 1, 2026 as:

Helen Valentina Levchuk Husenita Day

in our community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to Helen on this momentous day! Happy 100th birthday.



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**DATED THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2026
Wallingford, Connecticut**