

**A TOWN OF NATICK  
PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
JOSEPH T. EVERETT**

**WHEREAS, Joseph T. Everett, in keeping with the legacy of four generations of the Everett Family, has served the Town of Natick with a tradition of quiet, dignified, and sympathetic understanding, providing caring outreach to thousands of families by helping to bury their loved ones with dignity and respect, continuing a longstanding family tradition of helping those without means; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe is one of our own, having lived and grown up in Natick, a 1971 graduate of Natick High School where he was voted best dressed by his classmates, foreshadowing the professionalism and meticulous attention to detail he would display in his work; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe earned a bachelor's degree in business from Boston College, the alma mater of almost all other Everett men before him, which helped him to develop the skills and practices necessary to grow and expand his family's business; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe, a visionary like his great grandfather, planned and oversaw an addition to the funeral home that included a nondenominational chapel where families and friends of all backgrounds would feel welcome and at home as they mourned and celebrated the lives of their loved ones; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe has maintained a strong sense of community responsibility by regularly donating to the Natick Visiting Nurses and the Natick Service Council in the names of those whom he helped bury and by supporting many organizations within Natick, including the School Department, community athletic teams, civic organizations, the American Legion, the VFW, and local parish and religious organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe has always gone above and beyond when responding to families in crisis at the loss of a loved one, offering comfort, support, and guidance during the most difficult of times, often saying things like, "Don't you worry about that," or "I will take care of everything for you;" and**

**WHEREAS, Joe has provided support to the Town's municipal departments, including Natick First Responders, with funerals for Police Officers, Firefighters, and DPW Workers highly organized and celebrated with grace; and**

**WHEREAS, with Joe's guidance, the sudden and untimely deaths of young people became occasions for the community to come together to mourn and gather strength; and**

**WHEREAS, the generous and compassionate service of Joe Everett and his Family has helped make Natick the Home of Champions that it is today; and**

**WHEREAS, Joe Everett and his Family have served the needs of the community for more than 145 years, and the John Everett and Sons Funeral Home is an anchor and stronghold in Natick's downtown community;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Natick, recognizes Joseph T. Everett and expresses its gratitude to him on the occasion of his retirement, wishing him many years of health and well-deserved happiness. Natick is proud of Joe Everett and his Family and grateful for their service to our community.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Natick to be affixed on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.**

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*Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Chair*

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*Karen Adelman-Foster*

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*Susan G. Salamoff, Vice Chair*

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*Richard P. Jennett, Jr.*

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*Jonathan H. Freedman, Clerk*

