

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2017

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SUSAN A. SULLAVOU TEMPLE #94
IMPROVED BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS OF THE WORLD
ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, The Susan A. Sullavou Temple #94 received it's Elks Charter from the from the Grand Temple of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World on July 31, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Thompson was born on the Island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean on July 06, 1856, the daughter of William and Mary (Cummings) Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Thompson arrived in New Bedford, Massachusetts aboard a whaling ship in 1866; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Thompson married Emanuel Sullavou on November 17, 1877, and lived in the West End of the City at 233 Park Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emanuel Sullavou was one of the most prominent black lawyers in the City of New Bedford and in all of New England, with a distinguished educational background, graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard and Harvard Law School, he served as the City's Common Council in 1878, and was also the Registrar of Voters for many years; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Sullavou died on December 20, 1904, leaving her husband Emanuel, daughter Lena Barreau and son-in-law, John Barreau; and

WHEREAS, The first daughter ruler of the Susan A. Sullavou Temple, #94, was Daisy Cole, a well known Christian woman of the Community who was a stalwart of the Temple from it's inception to her death; and

WHEREAS, The Susan A. Sullavou Temple #94, is a community based organization, which holds an annual Senior Dinner, an Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas parties for local children, sponsors Thanksgiving dinners, Veterans programs, youth programs and marches in parades; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the Susan A. Sullavou Temple #94, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World will celebrate their 100th Anniversary at an event held at the Century House in Acushnet, Massachusetts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors the **SUSAN A. SULLAVOU TEMPLE #94, IMPROVED BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS OF THE WORLD**, for their many years of charitable work on behalf of the people of New Bedford, the many different groups who have benefited since their founding and wishes them many more years of continued success.

Given this 30th Day of September 2017.