

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 28, 2017 AS BERNICE  
MCPHEETERS BURDICK DAY**

WHEREAS, John Day resident Jessie Bernice Ramsay McPheeters Burdick (known as Bernice) was born on March 28, 1917 in Penticton, British Columbia, to Hugh and Jessie Atkinson Ramsay; and

WHEREAS, Bernice will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 28, 2017, and continues to live a long, productive and fruitful life; and

WHEREAS, Bernice came to eastern Oregon as the bride of lifelong resident August (Red) McPheeters, grandson of one Samuel B. McPheeters M.D. who arrived via the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon along with August's father Charles, two aunts and brother Calvin, which Dr. S.B. McPheeters served patients throughout eastern Oregon including John Day and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Bernice made her home in eastern Oregon and together with her husband Mac (as he came to be known) lived, worked, hunted, fished, rode horses and camped throughout the Steens and the Ochoco Mountains, an area that was a lifelong playground for the couple and their children; and

WHEREAS, five generations of Bernice's family will come together in the City of John Day to celebrate her 100-year milestone, including children Errol McPheeters, Kathleen McPheeters Hudson and Maureen McPheeters Mesecher of John Day; and

WHEREAS, Bernice continues to be a productive member of the community as an art teacher and mentor to aspiring artists, continuing her work as an expert china painter with pieces displayed around the United States, Mexico, Iran, Brazil and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Bernice's 100th Birthday the citizens and city council of John Day wish to extend their heartfelt congratulations on such a long and wonderful life;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the John Day City Council, I, Mayor Lundbom, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 28, 2017, as:

**"BERNICE MCPHEETERS BURDICK DAY"**

in the City of John Day and urge the community to join with me in recognizing the valuable contributions made by Bernice and honor her on the date of her 100th birthday.

PROCLAIMED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Ron Lundbom, Mayor