PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, few citizens distinguish themselves to the extent they may be called eminent Wisconsinites, let alone across most of the 20th Century, but Cody Splitt of Appleton is one such person; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Splitt's residency in Outagamie County followed a circuitous path, from her birthplace in Wausau, to Milwaukee, to boot school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, to Washington D.C., and finally to Appleton; and

WHEREAS, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy's WAVE Corps, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in Appleton, she opened a practice in family law and estate planning, establishing only the second female-owned law firm in Outagamie County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Splitt was subsequently elected president of the Outagamie County Bar Association, making her the first woman in that position; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors from 1995 to 2001, including a stint as chair of the Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mrs. Splitt was named a Woman of Distinction by the Mid-Day Women's Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Law Journal honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the journal's 2015 *Leaders in the Law* ceremony; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, Mrs. Splitt celebrates her 100th birthday;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim August 13, 2019 as;

Cody Splitt Day

in Appleton, and call upon our citizens to recognize the distinguished life of Esther Coy Splitt and to join us in paying her great respect and honoring her contribution to her community.



Signed and sealed this 13th day of August, 2019.

TIMOTHY M. HANNA MAYOR OF APPLETON