

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards  
and carried to adopt the following Proclamation:

### PROCLAMATION 11-2026

**WHEREAS**, it is most fitting to recognize Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley for his inspiring longevity and to commend him on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene Wesley Tiley was born on June 14, 1926, in Monroe, Louisiana, to Dana a Boyd Tiley and Roscoe Abel Tiley Sr.; and at the age of nine, he moved with his family to Antonia I Grant Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley attended boot camp at Camp Wallace, Texas, and completed a sixteen-week signal school in Sampson, New York, he spent his entire active service career aboard the USS LST-975; he served from the time the ship was commissioned until it was decommissioned and was honorably discharge on May14, 946, with the rank of signalman second class; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley earned numerous campaign ribbons for his service in the U.S. Navy, including World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon; Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley is the oldest surviving World War II veteran residing in Grant Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley returned home to Pollock, where he partnered with his brother-in-law and father to purchase Johnson's Café, which led to the formation of Tiley-Montgomery General Mercantile; the partnership lasted seventeen years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley married the love of his life, Hilda Waggoner, in the summer of 1947; in 1951 they were baptized at First Baptist Church in Pollock, he and his wife raised four children: Patricia, George, John, and Janet; and


**WHEREAS**, in 1963 Mr. Tiley purchased Foster's Store and established Tiley's supermarket on Highway 165 in Pollock in 1963; he and his wife worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the Pollock community, and the supermarket became the hub of the community offering a variety of goods and services; and


**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley was ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church on August 13, 1967, and served the church in various capacities. He also served many years as quartermaster at the Pollock Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post, and continues to support the VFW and Disabled American Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley and his wife retired in 1984 and enjoyed many years of traveling, and attending church events as well as activities with their grandchildren and great grandchildren; their marriage spanning sixty-one years until his wife Hilda's passing in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley continues to enjoy his retirement spending his days at home, reading, watching television, making jokes, and recounting his countless adventures over the past one hundred years; he is an inspiration to our parish and is most deserving of recognition for reaching this milestone in life.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim and recognize June 14, 2026 as Gene Tiley Day in Grant Parish; and to commend Mr. Tiley on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and to extend sincere wishes that he remains happy, healthy and prosperous as he joins the exclusive club of Louisiana centenarians.


  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager - Sec/Treas.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
Cephas Bowie Jr.  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager -Sec/Treas.