

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

**PROCLAMATION**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF WORLD WAR II  
VETERAN, GENE VALENTINO**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee wish to recognize and honor veterans for their exemplary service and residents who attain milestones in their lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, Gene Valentino, a World War II veteran, resides in Raritan Township and is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 24, 2020, and*

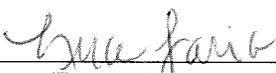
*WHEREAS, Gene Valentino began his service to this country during World War II where he was part of the D-Day invasion, transporting soldiers from England to Normandy Beach; and*

*WHEREAS, Gene Valentino continued his selfless and heroic service to the United States of America during the Korean and Viet Nam wars honored with many medals; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States of America is forever indebted to Gene Valentino for his valor in the face of the ultimate sacrifice to liberate the world and ensure that all men and women may be free, in their generation and those to come; and*

*WHEREAS, Gene Valentino's love of the sea was so strong that he spent the remainder of his working years as a Captain with the Merchant Marines.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Jeff Kuhl, and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, two-thousand and twenty, do hereby extend heartfelt happy birthday wishes to Gene Valentino in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and recognize and honor his service, heroism, sacrifice and courage in the face of grave danger to the people of these United States of America. Happy Birthday Gene!

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
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Jeff Kuhl  
Mayor