

## ***135<sup>th</sup> Proclamation Town of Ocean View***

***Whereas,*** Ocean View began as Hall's Store opened by Wm Spence Hall around 1820. The store served as the first Ocean View post office beginning in 1822.

***Whereas,*** Ocean View has the one of the oldest homes in the area, the Tunnell-West house was built in 1868, and is still standing today, and Route 26 is the oldest paved road in town.

***Whereas,*** Ocean View was incorporated as a town on April 13, 1889 and renamed Ocean View. The story goes that someone looked out a second-floor window and saw the Atlantic Ocean and the name stuck.

***Whereas,*** Ocean View is an area famous for sailors and fishermen due to White Creek where the shipping industry flourished for years. Water was the speediest form of transport at the time.

***Whereas,*** Ocean View was the center of trade in the area, and a water-oriented industry made living by the sea and going to sea easy. Farming was also big business.

***Whereas,*** Ocean View would become known as home for the broiler chicken industry when Cecile Steele accidentally started the broiler industry in 1923.

***Therefore,*** as the Town of Ocean View celebrates its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an incorporated town, I, John J. Reddington, Mayor of the Town of Ocean View, do hereby sign this proclamation celebrating one hundred and thirty-five years of community pride and cause the Great Seal of Ocean View to be affixed this document this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2024.

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John J. Reddington, Mayor

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Donna M. Schwartz, Town Clerk