

# Lifetime Achievement Proclamation Honoring Dorothy L. Bitner

**Whereas**, Dorothy L. Bitner has dedicated her life to serving Grand Island and the United States of America, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy enlisted in the Army during World War II, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy's respect and love for the military led her to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary, with which she served as a recruiting officer for the AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) Program, recruiting teenagers for the Coast Guard Academy, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy was also one of the co-founders of the Buffalo Naval and Servicemen's Park, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy has served on the Grand Island Traffic Safety Advisory Board as chairman, member and honorary member, assisting in countless traffic-related issues and educational endeavors including chairing the National Night Out, with the Grand Island Traffic Board being rated highest in Erie County, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy, having taught Driver Education at Grand Island High School, was also a Driver Improvement Instructor for Erie County, and

**Whereas**, Dorothy broadened her volunteer efforts, serving the Town of Grand Island as a member of the Grand Island Citizens' Emergency Response Team (CERT) and also starting the Grand Isle Trail Club for hiking and cross-country skiing, and

**Whereas**, this list of commendations is in no way exhaustive, as Dorothy's leadership and connections to agencies within our community have benefitted so many,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island recognizes and thanks Dorothy L. Bitner for her unwavering commitment and service to the Town of Grand Island and to the United States of America. Your achievements make Grand Island truly a grand place to live.

Dorothy would like to recognize and thank Sybil Kennedy for her support and assistance both while her husband, Jim Kennedy, was chairman of the Grand Island Traffic Safety Advisory Board and also during Dorothy's chairmanship.

Dorothy would also like to recognize and thank former Traffic Board Chairman Gordy Reid for his encouragement and pressure to get her to take the position of chairman.

**PROCLAIMED** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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