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Mr. Fernando Luis Pais Albuquerque
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Dear Mr. Albuquerque:

On the occasion of their 100th anniversary, the City of Elizabeth offers its congratulations to the Portuguese Instructive Social Club, as it continues to provide outstanding services to its members, while remaining a valuable partner within our municipality.

One hundred years ago, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club was created by dedicated community members, who wanted to share their heritage and pride, as well as solidify a sense of community, celebrating a rich culture and time-honored traditions. Over the past century, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club has grown immensely, building upon its strong foundation, as well as expanding its membership, outreach and support of our municipality. Many changes have occurred since the Club first began, including the landscape of our city, which has transformed with new development, housing, businesses and transportation. Visionaries, scientists, medical professionals and remarkable leaders have enabled advances in medicine, industry and technology, increasing opportunities, improving overall health and safety, and improving the quality of life for all.

In honor of this impressive milestone, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club has chosen to create a time capsule, which will commemorate this occasion as well as provide future generations with a window into the past. The contents of this time capsule demonstrate the tremendous efforts, accomplishments and importance of our community; dedication to providing assistance, guidance and mentorship throughout our neighborhoods, and the significant role the Portuguese Instructive Social Club continues to play in the lives of so many.

Committed to offering assistance, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club strengthens our municipality with their volunteerism and community contributions. Their dedicated time and effort continue to positively impact the lives of our residents.

Through their initiatives, the members of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club demonstrate how each one of us can make a difference in the lives of others. From being a sponsor and host of the City of Elizabeth's Harvest Fest to holding annual food and holiday drives, their participation as well as events, transform lives.

Promoting excellence and inspired leadership, they continue to increase opportunities as well as enhance services throughout our community. I extend my congratulations to all the members of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club on this very special occasion and best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor