Proclamation No. 2024-07
National Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May, annually, as a National Day of Prayer to be celebrated by all faiths and religions; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer is an occasion for each of us to pause in our normal daily routine and come together as one community giving thanks for all that we enjoy as Americans and as residents of Brevard, including our treasured freedom to practice religion as we choose; and

WHEREAS, regardless of one's faith tradition, prayer helps remind us of our humanity and helps connect all of us to the greater community, nation and world in which we all share; and

WHEREAS, on this National Day of Prayer I encourage all members of our community to pray, reflect or meditate in a manner most appropriate to their own religious or spiritual beliefs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of The City of Brevard, North Carolina do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024, as a Day of Prayer throughout the City of Brevard, NC and encourage all members of our Brevard community to join in thankfulness, prayer and reflection for:

Our nation and other nations especially for all those who battle for freedom throughout the world including our brave men and women in uniform;

For those who help keep us safe here at home – our Law Enforcement, Fire Department and EMS personnel;

For those entrusted with the care and education of our children – our parents, our teachers and child care workers;

For our youth who are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic;

For our most vulnerable neighbors and for all who are struggling and need compassion and assistance;

For our leaders, so that they have the strength to meet the challenges we face today and tomorrow and the wisdom to know what to do and the commitment to do what is right; and

For our nation and the diversity that makes us strong; may we treat everyone with respect and come together in unity as Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Denise Hodsdon

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

Maureen Copelof

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Mayor