RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE BREVARD SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, including flash floods, severe storms, and prolonged droughts, threaten the safety and economic stability of our community; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events increasingly damage aging infrastructure including roads, bridges, water systems, and electrical grids that are expensive to repair and often lack redundant systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard desires to support sustainability efforts that cut down on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reduce waste, protect the natural environment and enhance infrastructure resilience; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) lists as goals "Celebrating Brevard's natural resources through conservation of environmentally sensitive areas, improving access to recreation, and restoration of native ecosystems" and "Plan for efficient, equitable and resilient infrastructure and services that maintain and improve the quality of life throughout the city" with the specific task of incorporating climate resiliency into City strategic planning and investments; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's other policy documents are imbued with sustainability themes such as multi-modal transportation, infill development, and replacement of inefficient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard Sustainability Council (BSC) is a volunteer-led group that promotes sustainability through awareness, advocacy, and action; and

WHEREAS, the BSC has offered to undertake efforts to support local sustainability that align with city goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE *CITY COUNCIL* OF THE *CITY OF BREVARD* RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City of Brevard endorses the creation and operation of the Brevard Sustainability Council.

Section 2. The City of Brevard supports BSC's efforts to decrease greenhouse gas emissions, increase the prevalence of alternative sources of energy, reduce waste, protect trees and waterways, promote sustainable practices, and increase awareness of the impacts of global warming thereby improving the community's overall resilience.

Section 3. The City of Brevard may adopt, at the discretion of its agents, some of BSC's statements as government speech and share them across government-controlled forums.

Section 4. This resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Adopted and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk