PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-25

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH
October 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard has been committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,"** serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Brevard Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Fire Prevention Month throughout this community. We urge all Brevard citizens to help prevent battery-related fires and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard's fire and emergency services.

ADOPTED and approved this the 6th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor