CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

NO. 2025-29
HONORING DR. PAULA HARTMAN-STEIN FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BREVARD

WHEREAS, Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein organized and led a diverse Age-Friendly Community Task Force comprised of elected officials, residents, non-profit partners and stakeholder organizations which organized, promoted, analyzed and worked on age friendly goals for the city; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman-Stein used her professional expertise to design a community survey and conducted community listening sessions to ensure Brevard's Age-Friendly program reflected the needs and priorities of the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman-Stein led the Age-Friendly Task Force to develop Brevard's Age-Friendly Action Plan accepted by City Council in January 2025 and accepted by AARP in February 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman-Stein organized and led a series of four intergenerational forums focused on increasing understanding between generations and reducing ageism; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman-Stein organized a series of Healthy Aging Across the Lifespan forums in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Community College Nursing program. When Hurricane Helene hit, she immediately pivoted and changed the focus of the remaining sessions to emotional recovery needs of both the nursing students and the public; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein was responsible for the City of Brevard receiving AARP grants totaling four thousand dollars for recovery and disaster preparedness programs after Hurricane Helene. She used these funds to conduct in-person training sessions for vulnerable populations as well as creating a 40-minute video now available country-wide to help the public and volunteers understand and develop emotional resilience after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hartman-Stein's unwavering dedication, creative initiatives and expert leadership firmly established Brevard's Age-Friendly program and has had a positive impact across the community as the City of Brevard continues to improve as an Age-Friendly city.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, publicly recognize and commend Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein for her service to the City of Brevard and its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 17th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor