PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-11

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CHIEF BOBBY COOPER AND DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2025 AS "BOBBY COOPER DAY" IN THE CITY OF BREVARD

WHEREAS, Bobby had been a familiar face across the Transylvania County emergency services community for over thirty years, serving several agencies concurrently; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018 Robert "Bobby" Cooper was named the Brevard Fire Department's first full-time Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, upon his appointment Bobby had ten years of experience as a part-time firefighter for BFD, twenty-six years of experience across multiple positions with Lake Toxaway Fire Rescue, and more than twenty years of experience as a paramedic with Transylvania County Emergency Medical Services, the last few as its Director; and

WHEREAS, Bobby is trained in most of the discrete disciplines within the emergency response field, and he has completed the University of North Carolina Charlotte's EMS Management Institute; and

WHEREAS, Bobby holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Clemson University, and a Masters of Public Affairs degree from Western Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, in his time as Brevard Fire Department's Chief, Bobby led the department's transition from a part-time department staffed exclusively by part-time and volunteer firefighters to a hybrid department with a roster that now includes four full-time engineers; and

WHEREAS, Bobby also oversaw the department's transition into the agency responsible for all medical first responder calls within the City, which resulted in the doubling of the number of calls Brevard Fire Department was responsible for but also enhanced services to the residents of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, Bobby's abilities across disciplines helped create a department that could respond quickly, efficiently, and professionally to all types of calls for service, giving Brevard's residents peace of mind; and

WHEREAS, Bobby resurrected the tradition of having a firehouse dog, bringing his chocolate lab Birdie with him to work. Birdie's presence brought joy to all those who worked at the Brevard Fire Department and Brevard City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Bobby's professional accomplishments, his exemplary leadership, and his character as a friend and colleague at the Brevard Fire Department/City of Brevard are all worthy of recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD THAT:

1. This body expresses to you, Robert Cooper, on behalf of its citizens and officials, our thanks and appreciation for your service to the Brevard Fire Department and the City of Brevard.
2. April 28, 2025 shall be recognized as "Bobby Cooper Day" in the City of Brevard, and its observance commended to all Brevard's residents and visitors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 21st day of April, 2025.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

