PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-17

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RHODES SCHOLAR AND BREVARD NATIVE MADELINE DIERAUF, AWARDING HER A KEY TO THE CITY OF BREVARD, AND NAMING JUNE 1st THROUGH 7th, 2025 AS "MADELINE DIERAUF WEEK" IN THE CITY OF BREVARD

WHEREAS, Madeline Dierauf is a culture preservationist and folk musician from the City of Brevard who in 2025 was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University; and

WHEREAS, Madeline is the daughter of the late Beth Dierauf and Roland Dierauf. She is a graduate of Brevard High School and Davidson College; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's culture has influenced Madeline's successful scholarly pursuits in folk arts, literature, and the people of the Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, Oxford University is considered to be one of the world's top universities, and the Rhodes Scholarship is one of the most prestigious academic awards in existence; and

WHEREAS, noteworthy Rhodes Scholars include former President Bill Clinton, former National Security Advisor Susan Rice, journalist George Stephanopoulos, and columnist Nicholas Kristoff; and

WHEREAS, Rhodes Scholars that are perhaps not as famous occupy positions of prominence in the fields of human service, government, science, business, business, law, medicine, arts, journalism, athletics, religion, academia, and others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard holds most high the virtues that earned Madeline this monumental recognition: scholarship, service, and commitment.

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

1.) This body expresses to you, Madeline Dierauf, on behalf of our citizens and officials, our utmost pride in and appreciation of your achievements, and our deepest thanks for representing the best of Brevard around the world.

2.) A Key to the City is hereby bestowed to you, Madeline Dierauf, in recognition of your service to humankind, your achievements, and your character.

3.) June 1, 2025 through June 7, 2025 shall be recognized as "Madeline Dierauf Week" in the City of Brevard, and its observance commended to all Brevard's residents and visitors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 19th day of May, 2025.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

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