CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

NO. 2026-25
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH
October 2026

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 2026 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower,"** focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer; 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 fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the rechargeable 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 devices; and

WHEREAS, the way lithium-ion battery devices are charged can make a difference in helping prevent home fires; and

WHEREAS, safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged, and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to understand that safe charging means making smart choices every time they plug in; and

WHEREAS, Brevard Fire Department remains 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 2026 as **Fire Prevention Month** throughout Brevard. We urge all citizens to learn about and practice safe charging habits and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard's fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon

Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

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Mayor