



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Brevard Humane Society ("BHS"), a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1952 and is the oldest established animal welfare organization in Brevard County; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS started as a small shelter established by a compassionate group of volunteers, BHS has grown over the past 70 years to become Brevard County's largest animal welfare organization; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, Brevard County donated property, in Cocoa, to BHS to operate an animal shelter and BHS continues to operate its main shelter, Low-Cost Wellness Clinic and Heavenly Paws Chapel at this location; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS is the community's leading advocate for homeless, displaced, and abandoned animals and is a local leader in the "no kill" movement dedicated to speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS offers programs and services to educate, inform and inspire people to take responsible care of their pet(s) and to treat animals with the kindness they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to support their mission of ending the cycle of pet overpopulation, in 2009 BHS opened a Spay and Neuter Clinic, in Cocoa, which also provides low-cost veterinary services; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS operates four Molly Mutt thrift shops, the Heavenly Paws Chapel and the Bed & Biscuit to serve our community and support BHS's mission of saving homeless animals; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS is self-sustaining and operates solely from its services provided, retail sales from the four Molly Mutt thrift shops, grants, and generous contributions from the community; and

**WHEREAS**, BHS is deserving of recognition for its dedication, efforts and successes in helping many of the most vulnerable and furry members of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Michael C. Blake, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, do hereby recognize the many and ongoing contributions of the Brevard Humane Society and congratulate the Brevard Humane Society on celebrating its 70th anniversary.



**WHEREFORE**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cocoa to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

Michael C. Blake  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Carin Qualey  
City Clerk