

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING JEFF BROWN, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR OVER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, Jeff Brown began his career with the City of Hercules on August 15, 1989, when he was hired as a Maintenance Worker I, marking the start of a career commitment to public service and the residents of Hercules; and

WHEREAS, through his strong work ethic, technical knowledge, and commitment to the City and its residents, Mr. Brown was promoted to Maintenance Worker II in September of 1998; and in 1999, he was again promoted to Public Works Inspector, where he demonstrated sound technical judgment and close attention to construction standards and played a key role in the successful completion of the 2001 Refugio Valley Road Widening Project; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Brown served as Acting Public Works Manager during the deployment of his incumbent supervisor to Afghanistan, ensuring continuity of operations and effective leadership during a critical period; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown continued to expand his professional expertise by attending the California Specialized Training Institute for Emergency Management Training in September of 2003, and by completing his Building Inspector Certification in July of 2005; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2005, Mr. Brown was promoted to Public Works Utility Inspector; and in 2007, he was again promoted to the position of Public Works Superintendent, where he provided steady leadership, operational oversight, and mentorship to Public Works staff while maintaining essential infrastructure and services for the City; and

WHEREAS, in January 2014, Mr. Brown served as Interim Public Works Director for approximately nine months, stepping forward to lead the department during a period of transition; and in 2024, he once again served the City as Interim Public Works Director for six months, exemplifying his reliability, institutional knowledge, and dedication to the organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Mr. Brown completed the Contra Costa Local Government Leadership Academy; and in 2021, Mr. Brown successfully managed and completed the City's ENGIE Solar Project, demonstrating his commitment to innovation, sustainability, and responsible stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Brown is retiring effective March 1, 2026, after more than thirty-six years of exemplary service to the City of Hercules and its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, and the Hercules community, do hereby recognize and express sincere appreciation to Jeff Brown for his outstanding service, leadership, and lasting contributions to the City of Hercules, and extend to him best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 24th day of February 2026.

Chris Kelley, Mayor