CITY OF HARDEEVILLE COUNCIL PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN WILLIAM HARPER, JR.

WHEREAS, John William Harper, Jr. was born on September 2, 1927, in Walterboro, South Carolina, to the late John William Harper, Sr. and Ella Belle Roach Harper; and

WHEREAS, at the age of two, he moved to Hardeeville, South Carolina, where his father was employed by the Argent Lumber Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, John William Harper, Jr. graduated with honors from Hardeeville Consolidated School, which stood on the same site as the present-day Hardeeville City Hall; and

WHEREAS, following high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the "Greatest Generation," and was later called back into service during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Mr. Harper worked for the Argent Lumber Company and later for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad—now known as CSX Railroad; and

WHEREAS, in approximately 1956, he joined the all-volunteer Hardeeville Fire Department, where he selflessly devoted thirty years of service; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, he began a distinguished career with the United States Postal Service at the Hardeeville Post Office, serving first as a clerk and later as a rural mail carrier, retiring in 1994 after thirty-three years of dedicated service and he continued working by driving vehicles for local car dealerships, finally retiring again at the age of ninety-two; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Hardeeville Marine Rescue Squadron 2-B for approximately twenty-five years, assisting with water rescues and promoting safety on local waterways; and

WHEREAS, in July 2012, he was honored to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., where he visited the World War II Memorial; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, John William Harper, Jr. demonstrated an unwavering work ethic, deep civic pride, and a lifelong commitment to serving and improving the City of Hardeeville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hardeeville do hereby honor and recognize John William Harper, Jr. for his extraordinary service to his country and his enduring contributions to the Hardeeville community and express their profound gratitude and appreciation for a life lived in service to others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hardeeville have hereunto set their hands and caused the Seal of the City.

Proclaimed this 25th day of May 2026

Harry Williams

Harry Williams, Mayor