



## **COUNCIL TRIBUTE NO.2026-01**

### ***A TRIBUTE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM "Bill" F. Hare***

***WHEREAS***, the Council of the City of Dover are saddened by the passing of William "Bill" F. Hare, a longtime resident of Dover, Delaware, on January 1, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated public service, leadership, and community commitment; and

***WHEREAS***, William F. Hare faithfully served the residents of the City of Dover as Councilman for the Second District for more than twenty years, first from 1991 to 1997, and again from 2011 until February 2025. During his tenure, he served with distinction as Council President and Vice-Mayor from 2019 to 2021 and again from 2023 to 2024, providing steady leadership and guidance to the City Council; and

***WHEREAS***, William F. Hare contributed extensively through his service on numerous committees and boards, including serving as Chairman of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee, Chair of the Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee, and as a member of various other City committees, helping to shape policy and strengthen City operations; and

***WHEREAS***, he further demonstrated his commitment to public service beyond City Council through his leadership and involvement in numerous organizations, including as Founder of the Delaware Military Support Organization, Chair of the Kent County Heart Ball, and service with Kent Sussex Industries and the Delaware Industrial Accident Board; and

***WHEREAS***, a proud veteran of the United States military, William F. Hare carried a lifelong dedication to service, leadership, and community, impacting countless individuals throughout Dover and beyond. Above all, William F. Hare was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend, whose kindness, integrity, and passion for helping others will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of William "Bill" F. Hare and honor his life and legacy for his many years of dedicated service.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Council direct the City Clerk to place this Tribute in the permanent records of the City of Dover and that a copy of this Tribute be provided to the family of William "Bill" F. Hare.

***ADOPTED:*** March 23, 2026

Fred Neil  
Council President