

## CITY OF OCEAN CITY

AMERICA'S GREATEST FAMILY RESORT

## PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING BILL AND MURIEL ELLIOTT

**WHEREAS**, Bill and Muriel Elliott will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2025, and the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Ocean City has always been deeply appreciative of the many contributions the Elliott's have made to our community and our region; and

WHEREAS, the Elliott's turned tragedy into change and honored the memory of their son with the creation of the HERO Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the HERO Campaign has saved lives and brought awareness to the importance of always having safe and sober designated drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Elliott's advocacy led to the passage of John's Law in New Jersey, which requires police to impound the vehicle of someone arrested for Driving While Intoxicated to prevent them from driving again while impaired; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual HERO Walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk has been a highlight of Ocean City's fall special events calendar since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the HERO Patrol Car Program started with its first wrapped car in Ocean City and now includes 40 vehicles in multiple states; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill retired after many years with Shore Medical Center, where he left a lasting legacy of growth and success; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill and Muriel cherish their time with their daughter, Jenny, son-in-law Mike, and beautiful granddaughters, Anna and Nora; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Mayor Jay A. Gillian and the City Council of Ocean City, on behalf of all citizens, do hereby wish Bill and Muriel Elliott the happiest of anniversaries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we wish the Elliott's continued health, happiness and many more anniversaries to come.

