BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION OF HONOR AND RECOGNITION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MASTER SERGEANT WALTER HARDER.

WHEREAS: The City of Morrow proudly joins the nation in expressing gratitude to the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, defending freedom at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: Master Sergeant Walter Harder enlisted in the United States Army on December 7, 1973, completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, before advancing to Supply MOS training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his distinguished 22-year military career, MSG Harder served with commitment and excellence in a variety of duty stations including the 4th/7th Cavalry at Camp Garry Owen, 2nd Infantry Division (Korea); Fort Eustis, Virginia; Seoul, Korea; 143rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Armor Division (Frankfurt, Germany); and

WHEREAS: MSG Harder's leadership, discipline, and mentorship were instrumental in shaping soldiers and strengthening units across commands, culminating in his promotion to Master Sergeant before his retirement from the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS: Following his honorable retirement, MSG Harder continued his service to the nation as a Sales Contract Officer with the Federal General Services Administration (GSA) for 18 years, demonstrating the same dedication and integrity in civilian service that he exhibited throughout his military career; and

WHEREAS: MSG Harder's lifelong dedication to the military community continues through his leadership as President of the Association of Retired Enlisted Personnel and as a Lifetime Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Delmar Post 5080; and

WHEREAS: MSG Harder and his wife, Linda, whom he met while stationed in Seoul, Korea, continue to embody the values of family, service, and sacrifice, celebrating 47 years of marriage in 2026, a reflection of devotion both to country and to one another; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John J. Lampl II**, Mayor of the City of Morrow, join with the city council and all members of the community, do hereby **RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MASTER SERGEANT WALTER HARDER** for his outstanding military service, his lifelong dedication to veterans, and his enduring contributions to the United States and the City of Morrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Morrow to be affixed this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

John J. Lampl II, Mayor

Attest: **Victor Aguilar, City Clerk**