

City of Del Mar

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Linda Chisari as the Del Mar Community Connections Volunteer of the Year

WHEREAS, A native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and later, Ridgewood, New Jersey, Linda Chisari moved to Del Mar in 1973 and has since been a fixture of the civic and social life of Del Mar for more than 50 years, spreading joy and encouragement wherever she has gone; and

WHEREAS, Linda studied pre-med at Mount Holyoke College later transferring to Columbia University and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Later working at New York Hospital as a nurse she met her now husband, Frank, 57 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Linda designed, constructed, and planted an ornamental edible garden in 1981, which won the Grand Prize in the Landscape division of the Del Mar Fair, launching Linda into a 35-year career as a landscape designer specializing in gardens that were appropriately drought-tolerant and suitable for the local climate. Linda has designed 850 residential landscape designs over the course of her impressive career; and

WHEREAS, Linda's career in landscape architecture shaped the community in a quite literal way as she assisted countless Del Mar homeowners in beautifying their properties with drought-tolerant gardens; and

WHEREAS, Linda also contributed to the community by serving as President of the Del Mar Garden Club and as a member of the City of Del Mar Parks and Recreation Committee from 2019 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Linda has also seriously pursued a writing hobby, culminating in her memoir *The Magic of Music*, which has been beloved by many Del Martians and was once covered in Del Mar Community Connections (DMCC) Page Turners author visit book club; and

WHEREAS, Linda is one of DMCC's longest-term volunteers, having hosted the Singing Together monthly singalong gatherings from her grand piano at home for 23 years, and appearing at City events to lead singalongs at every opportunity presented to her; and

WHEREAS, Linda's service to DMCC also included two terms on DMCC's Board of Directors and leadership of the Social Good Times committee, planning fun and engaging large community parties like the Cookies and Cocoa Holiday Party and the annual Ice Cream Social; and

WHEREAS, Linda was named DMCC Volunteer of the Month in September 2024 for saving the day at a Tuesday Lunch Connections gathering, playing the keyboard to lead a singalong for the age 85+ older adults at highest risk of isolation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Del Mar City Council honors Linda Chisari as the Del Mar Community Connections Volunteer of the Year and expresses gratitude for her countless contributions to the City and the Del Mar community.

Dated: June 2, 2025




Terry Gaasterland, Mayor
City of Del Mar