



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-27

***WHEREAS,** William "Bill" M. Cooper, Jr. began his employment with the City of Dover on August 30, 1978 as a Tree Trimmer II, advanced to Superintendent of Grounds in 1986 and, after 35 years of service, has chosen to retire effective January 3, 2014; and*

***WHEREAS,** through Bill's efforts, the City of Dover was named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation in 1989 and has maintained that designation for 24 years, a record unmatched in Delaware. Bill has actively participated in countless community events over the years, including Arbor Day, Earth Day, Dover Days, Caroling on the Green, the Festival of Lights, Flag Day, and Silver Lake clean-up projects; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bill's exceptional work performance has demonstrated that he values each park, street tree, ball field, flower bed, and Christmas light in the City, and every fish in Silver Lake, and he has taken personal pride in caring for and nurturing all of them; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bill Cooper has personified the selfless dedication of an outstanding public servant and a visionary horticulturist as he worked tirelessly to design, create, and tend beautiful landscapes that continue to inspire compliments and bring joy to visitors and residents alike.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER IN COUNCIL MET:

- 1. That the Mayor and Council express sincere appreciation and thanks to William M. Cooper, Jr. for his contributions to the community and highly commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his responsibilities and duties as a City employee.*
- 2. That, as a lasting gesture of appreciation and gratitude to William M. Cooper, Jr., the Mayor and Council hereby designate the North Dover Gateway as the "William M. Cooper, Jr. Gateway to Dover" with a commemorative plaque placed there in his honor.*
- 3. That the Mayor and Council wish William M. Cooper, Jr. and his family success in all future endeavors and direct the City Clerk to make this Resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover.*

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 9, 2013

CARLETON E. CAREY, SR.
MAYOR

DAVID L. BONAR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT