

State of Rhode Island  
Town of Bristol

Proclamation

Whereas, **Dick Devault** has been selected as Chief Marshal of the Bristol Fourth of July Celebration for the year 2025, and will lead and hold the place of highest honor in this year's grand Civic, Military and Firemen's Parade; and

Whereas, **Dick Devault** is a decorated Navy veteran who honorably served our nation for 32 years, retiring at the rank of Captain and receiving numerous commendations, including the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal; and

Whereas, since making Bristol his permanent home, **Dick Devault** has remained an active and generous contributor to civic life, whether as a substitute teacher, a local leader in the Navy Reserve Association, or a dedicated member of the Bristol Fourth of July Committee for more than two decades, having previously served as General Chairman in 2012 and 2013, Patriotic Speaker in 2018, and recipient of the Hattie Brown Award in 2021; and

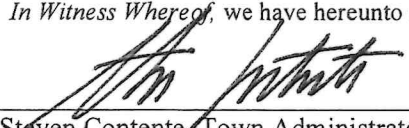
Whereas, his long-standing commitment to Bristol's Independence Day celebration has made him a familiar and welcome presence at virtually every Fourth of July event—often working behind the scenes with humility and steadfast dedication, and embodying the spirit of community and patriotism; and

Whereas, with pride and a sense of purpose, **Dick Devault** now takes his place among the esteemed women and men who have served as Chief Marshal in our nation's oldest continuous celebration of Independence, to be forever remembered in the annals of Bristol history along our cherished red, white, and blue route;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council and Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, by virtue of the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, on their behalf, and by these present, proclaim and extend to Chief Marshal Dick Devault the sincerest and most heartfelt congratulations on this honor bestowed upon him by the Fourth of July Committee, and further send greetings and best wishes to his wife Lydia, their family, friends, and associates upon this most exceptional and memorable occasion; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council does hereby order and further proclaim that these proceedings, as written, sealed, and attested, shall be forever after recorded in the annals of said Town of Bristol in commemoration whereof.

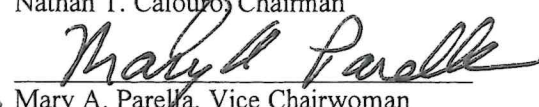
In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island, on the adoption of this 4 day of July, 2025.

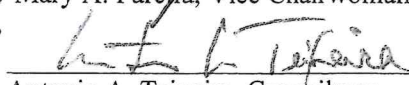
  
Steven Contente, Town Administrator

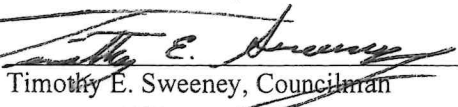
Attest:   
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk




  
Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman

  
Mary A. Parella, Vice Chairwoman

  
Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman

  
Timothy E. Sweeney, Councilman

  
Aaron J. Ley, Councilman