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Proclamation No. 2026-15

Mayor and Town Council, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

**In Honor of Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix Upon the Conclusion of Her Service as President of
Shepherd University**

WHEREAS: Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, a native of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Shepherd University in 1974 and went on to earn her Ph.D. from George Washington University, subsequently completing a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship at Harvard Medical School; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Hendrix returned to her alma mater and hometown in 2016 as Shepherd University's 16th President — the first graduate in the institution's history to lead it — bringing with her a distinguished career in cancer research and academic leadership; and

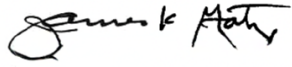
WHEREAS: During her decade of service, Shepherd University underwent landmark transformation, including academic program changes, technology upgrades, campus and building renovations, new student housing, and the construction of new dining and athletic facilities; and

WHEREAS: Shepherd University is an integral part of the character and vitality of the Town of Shepherdstown, and under Dr. Hendrix's leadership, the University has been an ever more vital part of the town's life — sustaining and deepening the rich array of learning, cultural, and civic opportunities it provides to residents, including through the Lifelong Learning program, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education, the Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities, the Appalachian Heritage Festival, the Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm, the Music Department, and the Contemporary Theater Studies program; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Hendrix has been a valued, respected, and committed partner to the Town of Shepherdstown, welcoming the community onto campus for events and celebrations — including through the use of McMurrin Hall lawn and other campus spaces — and sustaining and deepening the university's engagement with the community it calls home;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that we, the Mayor and Town Council of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, do hereby express our profound gratitude to Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix for a decade of distinguished service as President of Shepherd University, for her lifelong commitment to the community that nurtured her, and for the lasting contributions she has made to the university and to the Town of Shepherdstown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Town Council extend to Dr. Hendrix their warmest wishes as she embarks on her next chapter and directs that a copy of this proclamation be presented to her as a token of the Town's esteem and appreciation.



James Gatz, Mayor
Town of Shepherdstown
June 10, 2026