

**Borough of Bradley Beach
Proclamation**

Rename the Arts Committee to the Arts Council of Bradley Beach, a Legacy to Julia Sandra Rand

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Borough of Bradley Beach, the Mayor and Council wish to rename the Arts Council of Bradley Beach in honor of Ms. Julia Sandra Rand; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rand passed away on June 21, 2024. She was a respected resident of Bradley Beach who demonstrated her commitment to our community with her theatrical and directorial expertise and shared her love of performing arts with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rand attended Boston University, majoring in Theatre and Directing before moving to New York City to pursue her dream. Julia’s training included studies with Uta Hagen at HB Studio, the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the American Globe Theater in NYC. She was an actress, a director of theater and opera, a playwright, a producer, an artist’s manager; and

WHEREAS, later in her life, Ms. Rand returned to her field of study and graduated from Marymount Manhattan College where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater, and then a Master of Arts degree in English from Monmouth University; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the late Julie Schreck and former mayor of Bradley Beach, wanted to bring the arts to the community. Learning that Julia was living in Bradley Beach, she asked her to start an Arts Council. Reluctant at first, Julia agreed as long as she could produce Shakespeare at the gazebo on the boardwalk in the summer; and

WHEREAS, The Arts Council also produced and presented ethnic festivals, art exhibits, photography contests for young people, and concerts featuring classical and musical theatre singers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the many contributions of Julia Sandra Rand to our community, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bradley Beach do hereby rename the Borough of Bradley Arts Council to The Arts Council of Bradley Beach, a Legacy of Julia Sandra Rand. It is with deep appreciation that this honor is bestowed, and a continued community effort to carry on the celebration of arts in the borough of Bradley Beach.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2025

Alan Gubitosi, Mayor

Jane DeNoble, Council President

Shana Greenblatt, Councilwoman

Paul Nowicki, Councilman

John Weber, Councilman