



Proclamation



WHEREAS, a crying need of humanity is the achievement of unity, peace, and justice in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in the nineteenth century, Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, brought a message of human dignity, capacity, and oneness suited to the requirements of contemporary life; October 22, 2017 marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh; and

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, the Bahá'ís of Darlington County have striven to apply this vision to the material and spiritual life of the Pee Dee region, working across lines of race, class, and gender to promote unity and to serve their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Pee Dee region has produced such Bahá'í luminaries as John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, Louis G. Gregory, and Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., who have contributed immeasurably to the cultural and intellectual life of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the community-building activities currently undertaken by the Bahá'ís and their collaborators in the Pee Dee region empower diverse participants in our neighborhoods to be agents of social change, working together for the betterment of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Bahá'ís of the Pee Dee area, their families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers are commemorating this bicentenary, along with Bahá'ís across the United States and around the world.

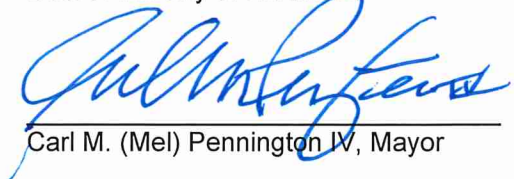
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim October 22, 2017 as the

"BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH"

and urge all to join in celebrating this Bicentenary event.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the City of Hartsville.


Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sherron L. Skipper, CMC, City Clerk