



## Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, sexual assault affects adults and children in the Pee Dee Region not only as victim survivors but also as family members, loved ones, friends, neighbors or coworkers of a victim; and,

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in our society today, with victims often suffering lifelong pain from physical injury and serious emotional trauma; and,

**WHEREAS**, volunteers and service providers in our communities are dedicated to providing care to sexual assault survivors through 24 hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care and education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages people to learn more about sexual violence and its prevention and how to help survivors heal from this personal violation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as

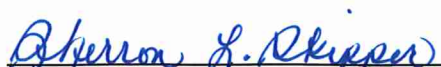
### **“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the city of Hartsville and encourage all the citizens to work together to prevent Sexual Assault and ensure a life free from harm for the residents of Hartsville.



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

  
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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk