



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, kindness is fundamental to human experience and essential to the success of human relationships; and,

**WHEREAS**, kindness transcends those boundaries we place among ourselves and is one of our most important human tools in connecting with one another, enhancing the emotional climate around us, and bringing good into the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, "Random Acts of Kindness are those kind, noble and just nice things we do for no reason except that, momentarily, the best of our humanity has sprung into full bloom...you are doing not what life requires of you, but what the best of your human soul invites you to do"; and,

**WHEREAS**, doing Random Acts of Kindness gives people a measurable boost of happiness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Random Acts of Kindness are a way to bring about important changes by empowering and uplifting the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Random Acts of Kindness Month is to reverse the tide of anger and violence in our society by increasing self-esteem and deepening our connection with others through the practice of simple, day-to-day kindness to our fellow humankind; and,

**WHEREAS**, everyone can participate in Random Acts of Kindness Month through an unlimited field of opportunities and activities as reflected through the needs and interests of those persons they come in contact with during the month; and,

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the Hartsville community should be encouraged to practice Random Acts of Kindness, in the spirit of compassion, kindness, and goodwill toward all persons.

**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 February, 2017 as

## **"RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS MONTH"**

in the City of Hartsville, and I urge all citizens to practice acts of kindness, not just this month, but 365 days a year, because any day, week or month is a good time to remind all of us of the need to remember that respect, dignity, compassion and humility are four essential ingredients in the creation and maintenance of a civilized society.

**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