



Proclamation



WHEREAS, World AIDS Day started on December 1, 1988, with the goal of raising money, increasing awareness, fighting prejudice and improving education about HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day continues to be an important way to celebrate the extraordinary advances we have made in the battle against HIV and AIDS, and to remind Hartsville residents and people everywhere that HIV has not gone away and there are many things yet to be done; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, there were approximately 38.4 million people living with HIV globally and 1.2 million in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were 19,437 South Carolina residents living with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, there were 297 people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Darlington County; and,

WHEREAS, though the death rate from this disease is slowly declining, millions have died from this disease and millions more are still at risk; and,

WHEREAS, expanded access to HIV testing, diagnosis and treatment can help reduce the suffering from this entirely preventable disease; and,

WHEREAS, CareSouth Carolina's mission is to "compassionately provide professional health and life care services that enhance the quality to all segments of our community".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2022, as

"WORLD AIDS DAY"

in the City of Hartsville and urge everyone to remember those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS and to help support and comfort those living with this disease.

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

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk