



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 2020 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 2020, 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.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk