



Proclamation



WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious social problem that affects people of all races, ages, genders, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, law enforcement and court costs, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

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 October 2018 as

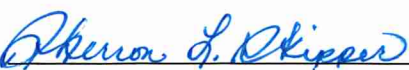
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

throughout the city and encourage all citizens to join together in the campaign to eliminate domestic violence while reaching out to its victims and letting them know that help is available.

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