



Proclamation



WHEREAS, more than 500,000 South Carolina residents and families are impacted by severe lifelong disabilities, including autism, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, intellectual disabilities and related disabilities, without regard to race, culture, geography, age, sex or economic class; and

WHEREAS, people with lifelong disabilities are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members deserving of respect and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, independence and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board work with families to provide services that promote independence and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, we owe a special debt of gratitude to the caregivers who selflessly provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to our residents with disabilities and special needs; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 observance of Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates the successful partnership between people with and without disabilities as well as the increasing involvement of people with disabilities in education, employment, and community activities.

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 March 2021, as

“DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN HARTSVILLE, SC”

and encourage our citizens to work together to promote increased opportunities for people with disabilities; to recognize the many contributions made by people with disabilities to our community; and to honor the dedication of the caregivers who bring support and hope to their fellow citizens.

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