



## Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the Library plays a vital role in the educational, business, recreational, and social lives of Hartsville citizens by creating welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn and come together; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Library contributes to the quality of life in Hartsville by offering citizens the opportunities to explore diverse ideas, discover insights and inspiration, and imagine and create new worlds through a rich and inclusive collection of resources, programs, and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Library is essential to our democracy because it helps ensure its citizens have access to information and opportunities for lifelong learning regardless of age, education, ethnicity, gender, language, income, physical limitations, or geographic barriers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Library strengthens Hartsville through its commitment to free and open access to all, support for our students and educators, being a bridge across the technological digital divide, helping job seekers, aiding in economic development, and serving as a place for the community to come together; and,

**WHEREAS**, a library card from our Darlington County Library may seem insignificant to some, we believe it represents something that is fundamental to our country, free and equal access to opportunities for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as

### **“LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH”**

and encourages Hartsville residents to visit their local library and all communities to observe Library Card Sign-Up Month. Additionally encourages parents, educators, community leaders, and all citizens to work to have every student in Darlington County signed-up with a library card.

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

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Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk