



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the framers of the Constitution established the United States as a representative democracy that relies on civic engagement; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a fundamental element of effective democracy, it is a principle that all eligible citizens should participate in fair and open elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, active voter participation is vital to our community and residents' well-being as participation brings access to funding and resources to our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, voting is the citizens opportunity to choose their elected decision makers and tell them what they want since the decisions of elected leaders impact the community and those living with in it and;

**WHEREAS**, in order to reach those who have not fully embraced their rights and responsibilities as citizens, communities must expand opportunities for voter education and nonpartisan voter registration. Vital contributions in this regard can be made by grassroots organizations, by the media, by educational, cultural, and religious institutions, and by other entities in both the public and private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, National Voter Registration Month is a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to encouraging American citizens to vote and share opportunities to register to vote before the state deadline.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

## **“NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH”**

and call upon all citizens to promote voting and voter registration as our democracy works best when more citizens participate.

**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