



# 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 2024 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, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, 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.

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Casey Hancock, Mayor

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