



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the 70,677 registered nurses, 10,464 nurse practitioners, and 12,200 licensed practical nurses in South Carolina and 5.3 million nurses nationally are not only the cornerstone of patient care, but leaders in improving the quality of care; and,

WHEREAS, nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession meeting the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and,

WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized, non-hospitalized and residential facility patients with nurses connecting individual, team and organizational safety goals; and,

WHEREAS, nurses at the Thad E. Saleeby Development Center play a pivotal role in delivering compassionate care to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who require extensive care which leaves them reliant on caregivers and medical equipment for some of the simplest activities of daily living; and,

WHEREAS, nurses at the Saleeby Center improve the quality of life of residents and their families by providing essential life-sustaining care that allows them to have the connections needed to thrive; and,

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the annual celebration to raise awareness of the vital role nurses play in society which ends on the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2024, as

"NURSES WEEK"

in Hartsville to recognize all nurses for their excellence, knowledge, compassion and kindness with special gratitude to nurses of the Saleeby Center for their devotion and invaluable contributions to the lives of residents and their families.

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

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk