



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the members of the law enforcement agencies for the City of Hartsville play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded officer death in 1786, currently 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Patrol Officer Ulysses “Buck” Dobson, Sr. of the Hartsville Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC with 282 new names of fallen heroes added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers, and that law enforcement officers recognize their duty to serve the people of this community by protecting them against violence and disorder; and,

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement officers of the City of Hartsville unceasingly provide a vital public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2024 as

## “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

and May 15, 2024 as

## “PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”

and as the Mayor of the City of Hartsville pursuant to the legislation signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962 all flags are to be flown at half-staff on all city government buildings on May 15, 2024. I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the City of Hartsville, to honor the service and sacrifice of those local, state, and Federal Peace Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy. And to show continual support for those Peace Officers who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime with courage and dedication.

**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