



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly; and

WHEREAS, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country; and

WHEREAS, today the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation; and

WHEREAS, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical and transparent government in the world; and

WHEREAS, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history; and

WHEREAS, Hartsville was first incorporated in 1891 and is proudly served today by Mayor Casey Hancock, Mayor Pro Tempore Bryson Caldwell, Councilmembers Bob Braddock, Teresa Mack, Kenzie DeLaine, Brian Meadows and Colin Hungerpiller and a municipal workforce of 161 dedicated public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina, hereby proclaim May 2024 as

"NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES MONTH"

in the City of Hartsville in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

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