



Proclamation



WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of overall health and well-being, impacting individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives while one in five American adults experiences a mental health condition each year; and

WHEREAS, despite its prevalence, mental health remains shrouded in stigma, preventing many from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions. While early intervention and access to quality care are crucial for managing mental health conditions and improving quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, mental health month provides an opportunity for all to educate themselves and challenge stigma about mental health conditions and to create a safe and supportive environment for open conversations about mental health; and

WHEREAS, together we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well-being and seek help when needed.

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

“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the City of Hartsville, to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

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