



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Coker College, founded in 1908, began operating as Coker University on July 1, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Founded first as Welsh Neck High School in 1894 and then as Coker College for Women in 1908 (Coker College became co-ed in 1969), Coker University is a student-focused bachelor's and master's degree-granting institution with a strong liberal arts core; and

WHEREAS, Coker has played, and will continue to play, a major role in Hartsville's history. For many years, Coker was the only higher education option available in the Pee Dee area. Even though there are other options available today, Coker carries with it historical significance and an enduring reputation; and

WHEREAS, Coker University is an accurate reflection of our degree offerings. As of today, Coker has five master's degree programs, grants bachelor degrees in more than 60 subject areas, and offers four bachelor degrees that can be earned entirely online; and

WHEREAS, Coker University continues the institution's momentum as a nationally recognized leader in innovation related to teaching and learning, and an internationally recognized institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Coker provides roughly 1,000 students from 27 states and 21 different countries in the City of Hartsville with a quality higher education and increased job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to showcase Hartsville's support for Coker University students, faculty, and staff and commitment to becoming more of a college town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina, hereby proclaim August 16-19, 2024 as

"COKER UNIVERSITY DAYS"

in the City of Hartsville and encourage our citizens to join us in celebrating Coker University Day and to celebrate the return of Coker students to the City of Hartsville.

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