



Office of the Mayor, Bryan S. Franklin  
Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr., Proclamation  
December 4, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was born on May 28, 1930, in Columbus, Georgia and was the youngest son of the late Albert Eugene Loner, Sr. and Ethel Lennie (Dolly) Reid; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby moved to Blythewood at two years of age to the old Loner home on Loner Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby attended Holly Grove School and he walked several miles a day to get there and back; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby graduated from Blythewood High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby married the late Mellie Ruth Harper on July 15, 1950. They were blessed with forty-nine years of marriage and had five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby later married the late Lillie Belle Mattox Thigpen and was married for fourteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby's goal was to be a blessing to others like God had blessed him. Bobby was not afraid of hard work and was a very generous, giving man; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby retired after thirty-seven years of service to the City of Columbia in the Traffic Engineering Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was a skilled electrician and provided electrical services and expertise to many homes and businesses in the Blythewood community and surrounding area. However, his most important post retirement work was being "Pa" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was a member of Sandy Level Baptist Church in Blythewood, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon for many years and was named Deacon Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby lived his faith as he talked about the Lord and witnessed to everyone he came in contact with by word and deed. He believed in the power of prayer and instilled that in his children; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby attended the Blythewood Masonic Lodge No. 395, where he was a founding member for sixty-eight years. During his time there, he served in various capacities including the Master of the Lodge twice in 1962 and 1972; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, proudly recognize Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr. on a life well lived, and hereby proclaim that today, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of December in the year of Our Lord, 2020, be known throughout the Town of Blythewood as Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr. Day.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, December 4, 2020.



  
Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor



Office of the Mayor, Bryan S. Franklin  
Ida Bell (Griffin) Peay-Belton Proclamation  
November 28, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Ida was born in Blythewood, South Carolina in February 1950 and is the eldest daughter of the Late Deacon William Griffin Jr. and the Late Dorothy Lee (McDonald) Griffin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida attended Bethel Elementary School from 1956 - 1962; the only local Black Elementary School based upon the segregated polices of the state at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida gave her life to Christ at a very young age and joined the Macedonia Baptist Church in 1963, where she has continued her spiritual journey through active membership in this same church over the past 57 years up until this date; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida became the lead singer for the Usher Board and later moved on to the Church Musical Choir and Missionary Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida was accustomed to hard work and sacrifice and graduated in May 1968 from Bethel-Hanberry High School amid the segregation, turbulence and civil unrest engulfing the country; Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy assassinations, and the height of the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida began formal employment shortly after graduation in the fall of 1968 due to the economic hardships of the times. She continued to work over the years and ultimately retired from the Husqvarna Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida married Joseph Peay in April 1972 and was blessed with the birth of their only daughter, LaShara in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida is an original member, since 1973, of the celebrated *Blythewood Community Gospel Choir* and has ministered through gospel music across the State of South Carolina and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida has been an active member of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Stars since 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida has been a productive citizen and long-term resident of the Blythewood, South Carolina community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida is known and appreciated for her kindness, mild-mannered demeanor, Godly vocal talents, great cooking and hospitality, and penchant for sharing and supporting family and friends through visitation and providing transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida has lived a spiritual life marked by dedication to family, sacrifice, consistency and longevity of selfless service to others; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, proudly congratulate and recognize Ida Bell (Griffin) Peay-Belton on her life achievements.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, November 28, 2020.



  
Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor



*Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Purple Heart Day, Proclamation  
August 7, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina*

**WHEREAS**, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, an American decoration and the oldest active military decoration in the world, was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was reestablished by the President of the United States per War Department General Order No. 3 dated February 22, 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, the contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to military members of the United States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or died from wounds received in action; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and National interests at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Blythewood has a number of residents that have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat and has had several residents make the ultimate sacrifice in all of the world wars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens and Town Council of Blythewood are honored to recognize all military members who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces, and are proud to dedicate August 7, 2020, as a special tribute to those brave service members who have received the Purple Heart; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, that August 7, 2020, shall be known, designated, and set aside as Purple Heart Day in Blythewood, South Carolina.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the seventh day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 2020.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Americans with Disabilities Act, Proclamation  
July 27, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, signed into law on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures the rights of citizens with disabilities by prohibiting discrimination in the areas of education, employment, government services, places of public accommodation, commercial facilities, and other vital areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA is considered the first and most comprehensive law in the world to provide equal treatment to Americans with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, July 26, 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act by President George H.W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act reaffirmed the ideas that all people are entitled to participate fully in our economy and democracy, have something to contribute, and deserve every chance to achieve their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is enriched by the diversity and accomplishments of Americans with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30th Anniversary of the ADA provides an opportunity to renew our commitment to the ADA's principles in ensuring the rights and independence of citizens with disabilities and empowering our communities to benefit from the contributions of all Americans; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Blythewood salutes everyone whose efforts contributed to the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Blythewood commits itself to compliance with and furthering the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act be acknowledged and celebrated by the Town of Blythewood and its citizens.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





**Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Linda Creech Peake Proclamation  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina**

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake was born in Blythewood, South Carolina, on August 3, 1946; and

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake was the daughter of the late Frances Jeffares Creech and James Robert Creech; and

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake is survived by four children, Judson Taylor Maurer, Catherine Munroe, Crystal Price, and eight grandchildren.

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake taught Sunday School at Trinity United Methodist Church for over forty years; and

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake was the longest standing member at Trinity United Methodist Church, active in the Woman to Woman Ministry, United Women's Circle, and awarded the Woman of the Year in 2015; and

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake was a born hostess and entertainer who loved to garden, cook, and decorate. She was known for her spirit of generosity and consideration in helping others; and

**Whereas,** Linda Creech Peake served on the Blythewood Planning Commission and Town Council. She became the first woman elected as Mayor of Blythewood and served from July 1987- July 1990.

**Now Therefore, I,** Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood, S.C. during the National Women's History Month declare Linda Creech Peake an outstanding citizen for her contributions to her family, church and community.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on March 23, 2020.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





**Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Keith S. Bailey Proclamation  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina**

**Whereas**, Keith Bailey graduated from Hampton University, Hampton , Virginia, in 1981, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

**Whereas**, Keith served honorably over twenty-two years as an active duty officer and received several commendatory awards such as Army Meritorious Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Forces Reserve Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

**Whereas**, Keith has lived in Blythewood for twenty-three years and has served in a host of public service offices to include Director for a Better Way (cleaning up gang activity), Board of Directors for Hopes of Higher Education, co-founder of Blythewood Youth Football and Cheer League, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Francis Burns United Methodist Church.

**Whereas**, Keith served as Mayor Pro Tem and member of Blythewood Town Council from 2004-2008.

**Whereas**, Keith was elected to serve as the first African American Mayor of Blythewood from 2008-2012. During his tenure he initiated plans for Doko Manor and Doko Meadows Park, established the Blythewood Historical Society, and annexed the Google property and two thousand additional acres into Blythewood.

**Now therefore**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of Blythewood, S.C. declare Keith Bailey an outstanding soldier, public servant, citizen, and mayor for his contributions to his country and community.

**In Witness Thereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on February 29, 2020.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Annie Rimer Faust, Proclamation  
February 16, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust was born in Richland County, South Carolina, on June 11, 1916; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust was a daughter of the late John Phillip and Sally Raines Rimer;

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust was a faithful member of Killian Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust worked for Berry's Country Grocery Store for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, when she wasn't working, Annie Rimer Faust enjoyed cooking and sewing for her family; as well as working in her garden and yard; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust is survived by her two daughters, Sandra Faust Prince (Bill) and Cheryl Faust Bullock (Carl); grandchildren, Bonnie Walker (Jason), Bill Prince, Jr., Kayce Prince-Harvey (Charles), Brittany Ashton Bullock; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; as well as sisters-in-law, Willie Mae Rimer and Meta Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust is preceded in death by her husband, Littleton H. Faust; her sisters, Lurline Lomas, Ellie Pate, Ida Rimer; and brother, Boyd Rimer; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust honored the Town of Blythewood by serving this past December as the Grand Marshall of the 2019 Blythewood Christmas Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, Annie Rimer Faust lived to be the most senior Blythewood Citizen, attaining the age of 103.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, salute Annie Rimer Faust, of Blythewood, South Carolina, and declare Sunday, the sixteenth day of February, 2020 as Annie Rimer Faust Day throughout the Town of Blythewood.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the sixteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord, 2020.

  
Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Blythewood School Choice Week, Proclamation  
January 27, 2020  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, all children in BLYTHEWOOD should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

**WHEREAS**, BLYTHEWOOD recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in BLYTHEWOOD to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of BLYTHEWOOD; and

**WHEREAS**, BLYTHEWOOD is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, BLYTHEWOOD has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin do hereby recognize January 26 – February 1, 2020 as BLYTHEWOOD School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, January 27, 2020.



Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor



Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Moses Benjamin Kelly, Proclamation  
December 16, 2019  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina



**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly was born on February 21, 1923 in Uno, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly was drafted into the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army Air Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly joined the regular Army in 1946 at the height of WWII and received his basic training at Shepherd Field Air Force Base in Texas as one of two African-American recruits out of a total class of 36 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly was assigned to Hamilton Army Airfield Base in California after completing his basic training, where he was then assigned to overseas duty in Japan where he began to distinguish himself as an exceptional leader and military soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant in 1961, where he obtained the highest U.S. Army NCO rank available; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly retired from the Army after 22 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly began working at the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. in 1965 where he provided protection for Department of Treasury property and ensured the personal safety of high-ranking Treasury officials, including the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly transitioned to the U.S. Secret Service in 1967, where he served on the Presidential Details for five presidents including Nixon, Carter, Ford, Reagan, and Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly retired from the U.S. Secret Service on April 30, 1990, after 23 years and six months of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly and his wife Eleanor returned to Blythewood to joyfully live out their retirement years; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly joined the Good Aim Baptist Church where he was baptized and eventually elected to serve as a Church Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, Moses Benjamin Kelly was selected as "Man of the Year" by Good Aim Baptist Church in 2016, and was a proud member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association, Buffalo Soldiers Regiment; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, salute Moses Benjamin Kelly, of Blythewood, South Carolina.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, December 16, 2019.



*B. S. Franklin*

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor



Office of the Mayor, Bryan S. Franklin  
Eileen Brooks Sharpe, Proclamation  
February 22, 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Brooks Sharpe was born on August 4, 1945 in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Henry Clifford and Helen McDowell Brooks; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen was one of ten children, raised in a large family in Columbia, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1962, Eileen met Larry Sharpe, the love of her life, and the two were later married in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen and Larry Sharpe went on to fulfill their dream of having a family; what she considered one of her greatest accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen and Larry Sharpe were blessed with three children, Christy, Laura, and Larry H. Sharpe, II; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen, affectionately known as “Grana”, was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and recent great-grandmother; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen always put others first and never hesitated to check on others and send her best wishes; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen’s faith was strong, and she enjoyed her time at Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen was a member of the book club and Frances Creech Women’s Circle; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen was the definition of the acronym JOY; Jesus, Others, and Yourself, which will remain a legacy instilled in her family; and

**WHEREAS**, An opportunity was never missed to be with those she loved, whether that be at her home, on an annual beach trip, or at her beloved Farm at Ridgeway; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, proudly recognize Eileen Brooks Sharpe on a life well lived, and hereby proclaim that today, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of February in the year of Our Lord, 2021, be known throughout the Town of Blythewood as Eileen Brooks Sharpe Day.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, February 22, 2021.



Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor



Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Maxine Palmer Canzater Proclamation  
March 22, 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Maxine Palmer Canzater was born on March 24, 1922 in a little house in Blythewood, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Maxine is the fourth of twelve children born to Elliott and Lizzie Green Palmer; and

**WHEREAS**, At the age of eighteen, Maxine married George Canzater in 1940; and

**WHEREAS**, Maxine and George Canzater were married for fifty-one years and were blessed with twelve children; and

**WHEREAS**, From her twelve children, Maxine's legacy boasts forty-one grandchildren, sixty great-grandchildren and fifteen great-great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, After many years of being a working mother, Maxine worked and retired from Midlands Center in Columbia, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, "Aunt Mac," as she is affectionately known to her many family members and friends, is the only surviving sibling and is doted on by all of her children, grands, nieces, nephews, church and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, Maxine is active in her family's home church, Bethel Baptist in Blythewood and the Blythewood Ladies Club at the Roberson Center; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Blythewood proudly recognizes and celebrates the 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Maxine Palmer Canzater.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, salute Maxine Palmer Canzater and hereby proclaim that the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord, 2021, be known throughout the Town of Blythewood as Maxine Palmer Canzater Day.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the twenty-second day of March, in the year of Our Lord, 2021.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
National Donate Life Month Proclamation  
April 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, One of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 108,000 children and adults await lifesaving transplants, of which more than 1,300 are in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, for the first time ever, more than 200 South Carolinians said “Yes” to organ donation, saving lives of 514 people awaiting their second chance at life; and

**WHEREAS**, we are still losing an average of 20 lives every day due to the lack of organs available for transplantation because every 10 minutes, another name is added to the national transplant waiting list; and

**WHEREAS**, according to national research conducted by Donate Life America, more than 90 percent of Americans support donation and more than 54 percent of South Carolinians have registered at the DMV; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives and tissue donation can enhance many more men, women, and children who depend on the generosity and sacrifice of others to receive a second chance at life; and

**WHEREAS**, every person should support this life saving effort by learning more about organ, eye, and tissue donation making their families aware of their South Carolina driver’s license; and

**WHEREAS**, This April, everyone is encouraged to register as an organ and tissue donor and give hope to those who are waiting.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, salute National Donate Life Month and declare April 2021 as National Donate Life Month in the Town of Blythewood.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the twenty-second day of March, in the year of Our Lord, 2021.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Sheriff Leon Lott Proclamation  
April 24, 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Born in Aiken, South Carolina, in 1953, Sheriff Leon Lott attended the University of South Carolina – Aiken, earning an Associate’s Degree in Police Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, He went on to attend the University of South Carolina – Columbia, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and continued with graduate study for a Master’s in Criminal Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lott graduated from the FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and Furman University’s South Carolina Diversity Leadership Academy. Later, he went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Emergency Management from Lander University; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lott came to the Richland County Sheriff’s Department in 1975 as a patrol officer. He advanced thereafter to various positions including Criminal Investigator, Narcotics Agent, Lieutenant and Captain of Narcotics Division, Administrative Captain, Uniform Patrol Captain, and Watch Commander; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1996, he made a successful run for Sheriff of Richland County. Upon taking office, Sheriff Lott turned the direction of the Department to Community Oriented Policing and has led the 700-deputy force since his election; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2018, Sheriff Lott was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and appointed as the Commander of the South Carolina State Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lott has long been recognized as a leader in the law enforcement profession in the state of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Sheriffs’ Association established the Ferris E. Lucas Award in 1995 to recognize an outstanding sheriff of the year for contributions made on the local, state, and national levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lott has been named 2021 Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs’ Association; the first time a South Carolinian has ever been granted the organization’s top honor.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, recognize and congratulate Sheriff Leon Lott on the tremendous honor of being named National Sheriff of the Year.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of Our Lord, 2021.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation  
May 2 - May 8, 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is a time-honored and vital part of local government that exists throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

**WHEREAS**, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in educational programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and national professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Melissa Cowan, and to all professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the third day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2021.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Foster Care Awareness Month Proclamation  
May 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, the family is the foundation of our communities and our state; and

**WHEREAS**, in South Carolina more than 4,000 children and youth in foster care have a safe, secure, and stable placement, many of those being with compassionate and nurturing foster families and kinship families; and

**WHEREAS**, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a lasting, supportive presence in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, additional families are needed to open their homes and hearts to support children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect and in launching young people into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the greatest need for foster homes in South Carolina are ones to serve older youth and teenagers and foster families willing to take sibling groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Foster Care Awareness Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable, and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as **FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH** throughout the Town of Blythewood and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor foster families across the Palmetto State for their many contributions to the well-being of our children.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





Office of the Mayor  
Bryan S. Franklin  
Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation  
June 4, 2021  
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect 1 in 100 children. More than 10,800 school age children in the State of South Carolina alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

**WHEREAS**, positive actions to assist children and families living with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of Tourette Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tourette Association's Greater Carolinas Group, are actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals and teachers, and supporting research to better understand the signs and treatments of TS;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that June 4, 2021, will be recognized as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" in Blythewood, South Carolina, as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor





# Town of Blythewood

## Mayor's Proclamation



### Purple Heart Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, an American decoration and the oldest active military decoration in the world, was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was reestablished by the President of the United States per War Department General Order No. 3 dated February 22, 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, the contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to military members of the United States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or died from wounds received in action; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and National interests at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Blythewood has a number of residents that have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat and has had several residents make the ultimate sacrifice in all of the world wars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens and Town Council of Blythewood are honored to recognize all military members who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces, and are proud to dedicate August 7, 2022, as a special tribute to those brave service members who have received the Purple Heart; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** I, Eddie Baughman, Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, that August 7, 2022, shall be known, designated, and set aside as Purple Heart Day in Blythewood, South Carolina.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, the seventh day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 2022.



*Eddie Baughman*

Eddie Baughman, Mayor Pro-Tem