



# *Proclamation*

*On a motion from Councilor **Butch Kirven**  
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor and acknowledge*

## *Ben Haskew*

*for his outstanding service as President of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce*

WHEREAS, after 12 wonderfully impactful years as President/CEO of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ben Haskew is retiring; and

WHEREAS, always seeking collaboration and growth, Mr. Haskew's tenure at the Chamber included development of the Next organization for technology entrepreneurs and the Upstate Chamber Coalition, a group of 13 chambers that work together; and

WHEREAS, called a "builder of community," and "supporter of diversity," Mr. Haskew created an effective new brand, vision, and mission for the Chamber that also emphasized business development and growth contributing towards unprecedented economic success in Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, in his honor, the Chamber created an annual award, the F. Ben Haskew Collaboration Award, to be presented yearly to Upstate leaders who show progressive vision and partnership approaches to growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Mr. Haskew was named South Carolina Chamber Executive of the Year;

NOW THEREFORE, Greenville County Council honors Mr. Ben Haskew for a 40-year career as a talented executive and champion for responsible economic growth and proudly acknowledges that his outstanding work at the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce will continue to have positive impacts in our community for decades to come.

Signed this 15th day of March 2016

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Bob Taylor, Chairman  
Greenville County Council