



# *Proclamation*

*Upon a motion from Councilor Lynn Ballard  
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor*

## *Greenville County's Emergency Response Team*

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Emergency Response Team serves to ensure the protection of public health and safety, the protection of the environment and mitigation of environmental damage, the protection of property and assets, and the safety of all emergency responders; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County covers 795 square miles and is home to significant commerce-related transport and manufacturing activity—including a 16 mile stretch of I-85 with a 24 mile stretch of I-385, numerous railroad lines, and many major industrial operations that use hazardous materials; in an average year an estimated one out of every three trains and one out of every ten trucks are carrying hazardous materials, creating an ever-present threat to public and environmental health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Emergency Response Team is responsible for responding to the accidental or intentional release or spill of dangerous chemical, biological, fuels, pesticides, or radiological/nuclear agents into the environment, typically responding to spills of liquid and gaseous agents resulting from container failure, transportation accidents, or human error and most frequently dealing with fuel spills and propane gas leaks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Emergency Response Team is responsible for responding to technical rescue emergencies where individuals may be trapped in a collapsed structure, have been swept away by swift water or flooding, become lost or injured while hiking or require rescue assistance provided by personnel who are specialists in building construction, trench collapse, or ropes and knots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Emergency Response Team is made up of volunteers from various fire, emergency medical services and law enforcement agencies in the County and is well equipped from Greenville County as well as grants from the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and extensive initial and frequent required training and certification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Council, in recognition of the crucial role of the Greenville County Emergency Response Team in maintaining the public and environmental health and safety of Greenville County and the citizens, do hereby honor and recognize the four men who, with vision and perseverance, began the ERT and developed it into a model program that is seen as an example across the State; Ronnie Boyce, Tony Segars, Mike Stadler and Bobby Smith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Greenville County Council honors past and current members of the Greenville County Emergency Response Team as we celebrate the founding members' foresight and hard work by proclaiming August 21, 2018 as:

## **Emergency Response Team Day in Greenville County**

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018

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Herman G. "Butch" Kirven, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

