



Proclamation

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

International Stuttering Awareness Day in Greenville County

WHEREAS, International Stuttering Awareness Day was first celebrated in 1988, and the yearly tradition continues to grow around the world and in Greenville County with the motto of “You’re Not Alone”; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics, 5.0% of children and 1.0% of adults stutter, and thus Greenville County, with a population of 492,000, has nearly 25,000 children and 5,000 adults who stutter; and

WHEREAS, speech therapy programs at universities, public schools and private clinics help people who stutter to improve their fluency and gain greater confidence in speaking situations; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville-area Chapter of the National Stuttering Association, known as *We Stutter Upstate*, is a social group made up of people who stutter, speech therapists, families and friends who come together for hope, support and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the great citizens of Greenville County support the needs of people who stutter and appreciate the contributions they make to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council proudly encourages residents to raise their awareness of stuttering by proclaiming **October 22, 2018** to be

International Stuttering Awareness Day in Greenville County.

Signed this 16th day of October 2018

Herman G. “Butch” Kirven, Chairman
Greenville County Council