



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilman Sid Cates
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and commemorate August 2019 as*

RELEASED-TIME EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council recognizes that the free exercise of religion is an important right for public school students in Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, Released-Time education is a way for public school students to attend classes in religious instruction during the school day and receive Carnegie unit credits for these classes; and

WHEREAS, in *Zorach v. Clauson*, 343 U.S. 306 (1952), the United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Released-Time programs for religious instruction; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted the “South Carolina Released-Time Credit Act” in 2006 to authorize school districts to award up to two elective Carnegie units for the completion of Released-Time classes in religious instruction; and

WHEREAS, participation in Released-Time classes allows students to gain valuable knowledge and broader instruction on religious studies that are not otherwise available in the public school system.

NOW THEREFORE, the members of Greenville County Council do hereby proclaim August 2019 as “Released-Time Education Month” in Greenville County.

Signed this 20 day of August, 2019

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council