



Proclamation

*On a motion from Chairman Benton Blount
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize*

Greenville Literacy Association on their 60th Anniversary

Whereas, Greenville Literacy Association (GLA) was founded in 1965 by a group of dedicated volunteers who recognized the need for adult literacy education in Greenville County. Their mission is to increase the literacy and employability of adult learners so they can grow and thrive through education, leading them to an improved quality of life. Over the past 60 years, GLA has remained steadfast in its mission to provide high-quality, accessible adult education services, able to adapt to the changing workforce and community needs; and

Whereas, GLA provides Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, and College & Career Navigation programs. GLA also leads Workplace Literacy & ESL in the Workplace initiatives, partnering with local employers to enhance workforce skills. In addition to its core educational services, GLA operates the annual Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale, a signature community fundraising event that supports adult education programs; and

Whereas, GLA serves hundreds of adult learners each year, helping them gain the skills necessary to achieve economic mobility, self-sufficiency, workforce advancement, and personal growth. Through partnerships with Greenville Technical College, Apprenticeship Carolina, local businesses, funders, and workforce development organizations, GLA creates pathways for adults to pursue higher education and credential attainment. The organization's efforts contribute to reducing educational barriers, improving workforce readiness, and fostering a more literate and skilled community; and

Whereas, as Greenville Literacy Association celebrates its 60th anniversary, the community recognizes its decades of dedication to education, workforce development, and literacy advancement. GLA's success is built on the support of volunteers, educators, donors, and community partners, who have been instrumental in changing lives through learning.

Now Therefore, Greenville County Council does hereby recognize the continued efforts of Greenville Literacy Association, proclaiming their enduring legacy, celebrating their profound impact, and honoring their commitment to lifelong learning, workforce development, and community advancement in Greenville County for the past 60 years.

Signed this 4th day of March, 2025

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council