



Proclamation

*On a motion by Councilor Collins
Members of Greenville County Council wish to declare August 2025 to be*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Greenville County Emergency Management provides a critical shield for our community, vigilantly safeguarding residents and property from a spectrum of hazards, both natural and man-made; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated agency plays an indispensable role in planning, integrating, and executing all emergency management and Homeland Security initiatives across Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Emergency Management team, comprised of skilled professionals and devoted volunteers, diligently prepares for, responds to, and facilitates recovery from large-scale emergencies, encompassing events such as fires, hazardous material incidents, and severe weather; and

WHEREAS, their expertise extends to specialized operations like search and rescue and hazardous materials response in challenging environments, including floodwaters, swift currents, and mountainous terrain, ensuring the safety of those in peril; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated efforts of Greenville County Emergency Management have demonstrably saved countless lives and protected invaluable personal property from devastating losses; and

WHEREAS, beyond immediate response, Greenville County Emergency Management proactively engages in mitigation strategies, including the development of robust building and zoning codes, fostering crucial mutual aid agreements, implementing comprehensive training programs, and conducting vital community outreach and education initiatives to minimize the impact of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of Hurricane Helene in 2024 and the Table Rock Complex Fire in 2025 showcased the unwavering dedication of Emergency Management teams across the Southeast, who tirelessly worked for weeks on end, establishing shelters, providing essential care, clearing debris, and restoring critical infrastructure to reach and aid affected individuals, paving the way for emergency vehicles and vital recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Emergency Managers and Governor Henry McMaster have fittingly designated August 2025 as Emergency Management Awareness Month, inspiring communities and organizations to acknowledge and appreciate the profound importance of this essential public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council, does hereby honor the incredibly dedicated men and women of Greenville County Emergency Management for their unwavering commitment to public safety and recognizes their vital contributions to the well-being and resilience of our community by proclaiming August 2025 as

“Emergency Management Awareness Month”
in Greenville County

Signed this 19th day of August, 2025

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council