



# *Proclamation*

*On a motion from Councilor Bradley  
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize*

## **J. H. Chapman and Chapman Grove Community Club**

**WHEREAS**, The Chapman Grove Community Club serves as the representative stewardship body of the historic Chapman Grove Community, overseeing the governance and use of the property located on Chapman Grove Road in southern Greenville County, in consideration of its residents, past students, and the descendants of the distinguished educator, John H. Chapman; and

**WHEREAS**, as stewards of the property, the Chapman Grove Community Club is committed to deciding property use on behalf of this area of Upstate South Carolina, balancing both its historic usage and current community requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 1926, J.H. Chapman, Director of the Chapman Grove School and Agricultural Club, purchased 5.3 acres across the road from the Chapman Grove School (founded in 1921) to provide an agricultural extension and cooperative designed to equip students with practical, "hands-on" experience for their chosen vocations after graduation, citing his motto, "Think, Work, Use Your Hands – It Can Be Done!" and

**WHEREAS**, when the school closed in 1954, the Chapman Grove Community Club, acting as Successor Trustees, continued to maintain the Agricultural Club Co-op, which remained essential to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, the Chapman Grove Community Club granted the Greenville County Recreation Commission the 5.3 acres of land with the agreement that Greenville County would design and maintain a community park, with a stipulation that the property would revert to the Community Club should the park cease to operate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chapman Grove Community Club reorganized in January 2025 to reclaim the property, with plans to present a follow-up to the Chapman Grove School Historical Marker Unveiling, outlining their Stewardship Plan for the property on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Greenville County Council hereby recognizes the Chapman Grove Community Club for its dedication to preserving the legacy and historic efforts of J. H. Chapman, and for its continued commitment to providing the Chapman Grove community with opportunities for social and educational advancement, including vital support for its citizens.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026

Benton Blount, Chairman  
Greenville County Council