



Proclamation

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

The Fruits of Community Spirit

WHEREAS, Carol Mongerson Gilley of Fountain Inn embodied the true meaning of community spirit in her every thought, word, and deed, serving as a tireless champion for the preservation and improvement of rural life; and

WHEREAS, her legendary gift of hospitality was cemented fourteen years ago when she opened the Yum Yum Snack Shop in Fork Shoals, creating a beloved community gathering place that nourished both body and neighborly bonds; and

WHEREAS, Carol was a fierce advocate for responsible growth, leading the monumental effort to zone 550 properties totaling over 8,000 acres of land in Southern Greenville County, ensuring a stable future for the landscape she loved; and

WHEREAS, her vision and leadership brought essential progress to our rural areas, including the improvement of local roads, the extension of city water services, and the organization of a Community Crime Watch to keep her neighbors safe; and

WHEREAS, Carol was a woman of foresight who envisioned the Cedar Falls Historic Park, co-created the Fork Shoals Historical Society, served as a founding member and officer of Citizens for Quality Rural Living, and remained a dedicated advocate for the Greenville County School system; and

WHEREAS, the "Fruits of Community Spirit" sown by Carol Gilley continue to flourish in the quality of life enjoyed by current residents and will be harvested by generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be known that Greenville County Council honors the life and legacy of Carol Mongerson Gilley, a true pillar of the community whose impact on Southern Greenville County is immeasurable and everlasting.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

*Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council*