

On a motion from Councilor **Joe Dill**Members of Greenville County Council wish to declare March to be

## **Disability Awareness Month 2012**

Whereas, in Greenville County 1 in 5 citizens lives with a disability, and more than one-half million are affected in the state of South Carolina, and in the United States of America close to 50 million people live with some type of disability; and

Whereas, the Greenville County community recognizes through awareness and education that people with disabilities have the right to maximize their potential; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to offer individuals the opportunity to participate fully in the life of our community where they can exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

Whereas, all communities need to be more aware of the capabilities of and provide opportunities for individuals living with disabilities to maintain life as active, productive, and treasured citizens; and

Whereas, caregivers driven by a spirit of compassion and level of discipline envision the potential in all and help make communities aware that the contributions of those with disabilities enrich life for everyone;

**Now, Therefore**, with unanimous backing of the Greenville County Council, we do herby recognize the contributions of all those with disabilities and their caregivers by naming the month of March as **Disability Awareness Month** in Greenville County.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

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

