



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor **Bob Taylor**
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and honor the outstanding career of*

Sheriff Steve Loftis

WHEREAS, Steve Loftis began protecting and serving the citizens of Greenville County on September 1, 1977, and through dedication and hard work quickly moved up through the ranks and became the division commander for judicial services in 1994 and then proceeded to successfully lead other divisions including uniform patrol, field operations and the administrative services division; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary leadership qualities were taken into account as he was appointed Interim Sheriff in 2002, and since then, by vote of the people, Sheriff Loftis has honorably led an agency of more than 650 men and women for 14 years, growing with the area creating and maintaining a law enforcement agency that operates at the highest level of integrity and service; and

WHEREAS, always seeking knowledge to best serve the people, Sheriff Loftis graduated from the FBI National Academy and National Sheriff's Institute, and was the longest serving president of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Loftis made sure deputies were satisfied with their jobs and had the support and tools needed, and this is reflected in the County's much lower than national average officer turnover rate achieved during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, under the tenure of Sheriff Loftis, the office achieved the prestigious honor of becoming a flagship nationally accredited law enforcement agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council proudly acknowledges 40-plus years of honorable and distinguished public service by the Sheriff Steve Loftis, and honors his outstanding tenure as Greenville County Sheriff where he served with upmost integrity, efficiency and productivity. His highly successful tenure as Sheriff kept the County safe and prosperous with improved quality of life during times of unprecedented growth, and his programs, policies, mentorship and leadership will have positive impacts on our community for generations to come.

Signed this 6th day of December 2016

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

