

On a motion from Councilor **Lynn Ballard**Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor and recognize

## Peace Officers Memorial Day

**WHEREAS**, the United State Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers, and that law enforcement officers recognize their duty to serve the people of this County by protecting them against violence and disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement officers of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, we specifically honor the legacy of Officer Marcus Whitfield, an outstanding member of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office killed in the line of duty in 1999;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Greenville County Council directs that all flags on County buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2017 in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, and in memory of Officer Whitfield and all law enforcement officers, who through their courageous deeds, made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to honor those law enforcement officers presently serving all communities.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017

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

