

## **Proclamation**

On a motion from Councilor Bob Taylor Greenville County Council wishes to recognize and commemorate March 2019 as

## **Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, bleeding disorders are characterized by the inability to form a proper blood clot after injury, surgery or trauma and can lead to significant morbidity; bleeding disorders can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals with hemophilia were infected with HIV and Hepatitis C in the 1980's due to contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

**WHEREAS**, increased knowledge of bleeding disorders will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including Von Willebrand disease, which alone impacts an estimated 1% of the U.S. population or 3.2 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders will be fostered by increased education on hemophilia; enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in an effort to promote and encourage awareness of its citizens, the members of Greenville County Council do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

## "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month"

in Greenville County

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

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

