



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Xanthene Norris
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor*

Mr. John Daso and the Gifted Artist Foundation

WHEREAS, Mr. John Daso, the first African-American artist to own a gallery in the historic French Quarter of Charleston, is nationally recognized as one of the South's premier artists with a reputation for creating masterpieces that capture black history in the state of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daso has a brilliant vision of creating a place where public interest in the arts can be nurtured, and through education and training, lead to the expansion of quality art in all our communities; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2019, Mr. Daso successfully established the Gifted Artist Foundation, a non-profit corporation designed to give those who cannot attend college the opportunity to further enhance their skills; and

WHEREAS, the Gifted Artist Foundation will also support the community by providing financial planning, health care, job training and general tutorial training to the general public; and

WHEREAS, it is Mr. Daso's life mission to generate funding to create a home for the Gifted Artists Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council honors the incredible talent, purpose and passion of Mr. John Daso, and proudly acknowledges that his business skills, loving heart and dedication has led to the creation of Gifted Artist Foundation Corporation and we encourage community support of his endeavor.

Signed this 3rd day of September 2019

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

