



Proclamation

On a motion from Councilor Joe Dill
Greenville County Council wishes to recognize and commemorate March 2021 as

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders are characterized by the inability to form a proper blood clot 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, President Ronald Reagan designated March 1986 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month"; beginning in 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services has designated March as "National Bleeding Disorders Month"; and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of bleeding disorders will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders 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, the members of Greenville County Council do hereby proclaim March 2021 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in an effort to elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey.

Willis H. Meadows
Chairman
Greenville County Council