



Proclamation

*On motion of Councilor Liz Seman
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor and recognize*

Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries was founded in 1902 by Rev. Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister who had a vision to improve the unemployment and socioeconomic issues he had witnessed in the Greater Boston area; giving birth to the Goodwill philosophy of, “a hand up, not a hand out;” and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC (GIUMSC) embraced that vision in their own mission to help individuals become independent, through education and training leading to employment; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 11,458 individuals in the Upstate and Midlands were placed into employment through GIUMSC’s concerted efforts to make our less fortunate community residents self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, 19,711 individuals received job training and placement services at GIUMSC; and

WHEREAS, 250 of those individuals have enrolled into industry-specific training programs such as CNA, CDL, forklift, retail, food service, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, of those individuals placed into employment, their earnings during the first year of work will have a projected economic impact of \$158 million for the 16 county region.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, Greenville County Council proudly acknowledges the efforts and dedication of GIUMSC and asks the Greenville community to join them in celebrating 48 years in the Upstate/Midlands by proclaiming May 4, 2021 to be

“Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC Day”
in Greenville County.

Given this 4th day of May, 2021

*Willis Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council*