



# *Proclamation*

Greenville County Council wishes to recognize and commemorate March 2022 as

## **Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County Council is proud to commemorate March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Greenville County, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation will formalize and expand upon the 36 year-old designation of March 1986 as “Hemophilia Awareness Month” by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple states and local governments, since 2016, have passed a Proclamation declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, bleeding disorder advocates wear a red material around their neck (e.g. leis, scarves, ties); and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Greenville County will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including Von Willebrand Disease—which alone impacts an estimated one percent of the U.S. population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, this month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community and to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the members of Greenville County Council do hereby proclaim March 2022 as “Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month” in an effort to elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey.

*Given this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022*

*Willis H. Meadows, Chairman  
Greenville County Council*

