



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Chris Harrison
Members of Greenville County Council wish to honor and acknowledge*

Cpl. Ralph Conte

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph Conte was born October 12, 1920, in North Bergen, New Jersey, where he met and married his wife, Veronica Sarubbi, in August 1943; and

WHEREAS, Ralph, a successful Master Photographer, answered his nation's call when he entered the United States Army on December 10, 1942, as part of the 94th Infantry Division, 301st Infantry, Company F; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Cpl. Conte landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France, on September 8, 1944 (*95 days after D-Day*), where he was hit by shrapnel after 14 days of being on the front lines; receiving a Purple Heart for his sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, while serving as a rifleman of the HQ Platoon, the then Pfc. Conte received the Bronze Star for his heroic efforts; having encountered an enemy strong-point commanding a road near Freudenburg, Germany, Pfc. Conte and a fellow private engaged with the enemy and after a short skirmish, were able to capture 18 German soldiers and provide a supply route for the allies; and

WHEREAS, Cpl. Conte honorably served in nine countries; fought in four campaigns; and was awarded multiple decorations and citations, including the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council proudly honors and acknowledges Corporal Ralph Conte for his contributions to this state and to the United States and celebrate his accomplishments by proclaiming May 17, 2022, as

“Cpl. Ralph Conte” Day in Greenville County

Signed this 17th day of May, 2022

Willis Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council