



# *Proclamation*

On a motion from Councilor Liz Seman  
Greenville County Council wishes to recognize and commemorate March 2023 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*, in 1986, March was designated as "Hemophilia Awareness Month"; beginning in 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services 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 affect millions of individuals around the world; and

*WHEREAS*, the bleeding disorders community's relationships with policymakers have fostered a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with an inheritable bleeding disorder; and

*WHEREAS*, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Greenville County will bring light to the great scientific achievements in the treatment of bleeding disorders, for which there is no cure, and the greater pursuit of advanced therapies and cures to these disorders; and, elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community 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 2023 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in Greenville County in an effort to elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> date of March 2023

Dan Tripp  
Chairman  
Greenville County Council