



Proclamation

On a motion from **Councilor Mike Barnes**
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and honor

Mr. Kevin Taylor

for 42 years of outstanding service

WHEREAS, Mr. Kevin Taylor began protecting and serving the citizens of Greenville County in 1981 when he and fellow specialists started a rescue division that would become the County's official Emergency Response Team (ERT) in 1986; and

WHEREAS, his experience with ERT includes working with the Forestry Commission since 1998, responding to wildland incidents, and as crew chief of the Air Rescue team since 2000, where he developed innovative rescue and control methods that are being used today; and

WHEREAS, always a champion for the rescue teams, he served in leadership roles working with Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association, and EMS to determine roles and responsibilities during interoperable events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's extraordinary skills and unmatched experience were on display during the 2016 Pinnacle Mountain fire when, on the front lines, he led strike teams cutting fire breaks and monitoring the burn, and in 2020 he was instrumental in creating COVID drive-thru sites for first responders; and

WHEREAS, during his 42-year career, Mr. Taylor has spent more than 22,000 hours working with ERT in responding to incidents, training and collaborating.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council honors the outstanding career of Mr. Kevin Taylor, thanking him for his decades of valuable contributions to our County, and acknowledging that his leadership and mentorship ensure that the current and future Emergency Rescue Teams will be the best trained and motivated teams in the nation.

Signed this 20th day of June, 2023

Dan Tripp, Chairman
Greenville County Council

