



# Proclamation

*On a motion from **Chairman Dan Tripp**  
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and honor*

## Paul Wickensimer

*on his retirement from Greenville County*

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2000, Paul Wickensimer was appointed Clerk of Court by then Governor, James H. Hodges; he was re-elected to five additional terms, making him one of the longest serving Clerks of Court for Greenville County; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedicated leadership and vision, Mr. Wickensimer brought the Clerk of Court office to be one of the most highly respected and often sought after offices, having served on various South Carolina Supreme Court's task forces and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, through his vision and insight, Paul was instrumental in bringing Electronic Filing to the Court System in Common Pleas, volunteering to be one of the pilot counties for implementation, which helped build the foundation for the E-Filing expansion to Family Court as well as to General Sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, Greenville was the pilot county for the design, development and implementation of South Carolina's first Statewide Case Management System, as well as the first courthouse to upgrade to the most technologically advanced courtrooms, which have served as the "Role Model" for the South Carolina Judicial Branch's Technology Enhanced Courtroom (TEC) Project; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court and Registers of Deeds, Paul gained the respect and appreciation of his peers having been elected to serve as the Association's President and Vice President, respectively, as well as having served as the Legislative Committee's Co-Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul continued his community service as Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Greenville, Board Member and Chairman of Rotary Charities of Greenville, Paralegal Advisory Committee Chairman – Greenville Technical College, Ex-Officio Member of the Greenville County Bar Association Executive Committee, First Monday Advisory Committee member, Greenville Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee member, and served on the Board of Trustees for the University Center of Greenville; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his having received the Order of the Palmetto in 2021 by Governor Henry McMaster, Paul was also honored to receive the Representative Terry Haskins Memorial Award in 2005, the South Carolina Clerk of Court of the Year Award in 2006 and the Liberty Bell Award, later named the Paul B. Wickensimer Award, presented by the Greenville County Bar Association in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul has been a dedicated leader, a kind and gracious co-worker, a constant encourager with great wisdom, humor and humility. He is widely known to be truly genuine and is seen as a guardian angel to those who has benefitted from the morals and Godly principles he strives to follow.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Greenville County Council honors the outstanding career of Paul Wickensimer, thanking him for his 23 years of valuable service as the Clerk of Court, in addition to his prior 15 years as County Council representative for District 22, and hereby wishes him the very best in his retirement

Signed this 18th day of July, 2023

Dan Tripp, Chairman  
Greenville County Council