



Proclamation

*On a motion from Chairman Benton Blount
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize*

United Ministries 55th Anniversary

Whereas, In June of 1970, Greenville Urban Ministries was established by the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as a direct response to the closure of several area mills which left many community members in need of supportive services; and

Whereas, over its 50+ year history, United Ministries has remained committed to best serving the unmet needs of those in the Greenville Community; and

Whereas, United Ministries mission is to be a direct service organization that serves individuals and families experiencing scarcity by providing basic needs for stability and supportive services to achieve self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, the vision of United Ministries is a Greenville Community working together to ensure that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities to thrive in our community, with its primary focus areas being Housing Stability, Economic Mobility, and Homeless Services; and

Whereas, the offerings of the organization include emergency rent, utility, food, and lifesaving prescription medication assistance for Greenville County residents in crisis, a low barrier day shelter for adults experiencing chronic homelessness in order to have their hygiene needs met, an evidence based economic mobility coaching program providing life changing opportunities to achieve financial and psychological self-sufficiency, and a housing program that supports families with children under 18 years old who are experiencing homelessness; and

Whereas, in addition to those services, United Ministries offers a variety of unique tools to address scarcity and to improve economic mobility outcomes; including free, unlimited access to an on-staff mental health counselor, two match-savings programs, and access to a low interest loan program.

Now Therefore, Greenville County Council does hereby recognize the continued efforts of United Ministries who has served as an invaluable community resource to over 3,000 community members annually, and thanks them for their contribution to the residents of Greenville County over the past 55 years.

Signed this 18th day of February, 2025

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

