Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) **To Proclaim May 2017 as "Mental Health Month"**
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

WHEREAS, the mental health of our citizens is essential to the continued well-being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, mental health issues affect parents, sisters, brothers and co-workers – all of the people in our lives; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and support in their communities; and

WHEREAS, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the observance of May 2017 as "Mental Health Month" will help raise awareness of the importance of mental health and the stigma people with mental illness face, while delivering the message that, with proper treatment, recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, Georgetown County Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

FURTHERMORE, Georgetown County Council calls upon all Georgetown County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

SO SHALL IT BE PROCLAIMED, this 25th Day of April 2017.

Johnny Morant, Chairman

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk