Proclamation

WHEREAS, social emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, SEL competencies develop throughout our lives and are essential to success in our schools, workplaces, homes, and communities and allow individuals to contribute meaningfully to society; and

WHEREAS, SEL can be taught and developed throughout childhood, adolescence, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, schools, families and the wider community must be engaged to enhance the strength, depth, and pace of acquisition of SEL competencies; and

WHEREAS, supporting SEL is a wise use of public resources, because there can be long-term social and economic benefits to society from the implementation of evidence-based SEL.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina, hereby proclaim the last Friday in March, March 27, 2020 as

"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY"

in the City of Hartsville and encourage all community members to learn about and share their knowledge of the importance and impact of integrating evidence-based Social Emotional Learning into our schools, organizations and community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk