



NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION – MAY 2023

WHEREAS, Military Appreciation Month takes place every year throughout the entire month of May, it was officially designated by Congress in 1999. Every year, the President issues an annual proclamation reminding Americans to celebrate this patriotic month that pays tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom, and

WHEREAS, although the entire month is designated to honoring past and present military members and their families, there are several, specific military holidays sprinkled throughout Military Appreciation Month itself, including Loyalty Day, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, and

WHEREAS, 365 days a year, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day, members of the U.S. military are on call around the world, defending the interests and security of the nation. This May, during Military Appreciation Month, it is the perfect opportunity to express gratitude to them, and their families, for all that they do every day, and

WHEREAS, this year, as many service members continue to work on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is especially important that we, as a patriotic citizen – pause to honor them during Military Appreciation Month, and

WHEREAS, May is designated as "Military Appreciation Month", we should thank all of those who serve or have served our great nation for the sacrifices and hardships that they have borne. Without the patriotic individuals who have served our country over the years, our freedoms, liberties, and way of life, we as Americans embrace so dearly would be impossible to maintain, and

WHEREAS, as a community, we thank our service members, past and present, and their family members and loved ones around the world. You're inspirations to us all,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Kevin Hedgpeth, Meeting Chair** for the City of Hanahan, South Carolina do hereby proclaim May 2023 as NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.

Duly done this the 9th day of May 2023.

Christie Rainwater, Mayor

Emily Huff, Clerk of Council