



## Countdown to Kindergarten Proclamation – August 2023

**WHEREAS**, Countdown to Kindergarten was developed by South Carolina First Steps in 2003 to help support strong school transitions by connecting rising kindergartners, families, and teachers in a series of one-on-one visits throughout the summer. The program has supported more than 17,000 children across the state.

**WHEREAS**, Berkeley County First Steps, in partnership with Berkeley County School District, is preparing high-risk children in South Carolina for school success through the Countdown to Kindergarten program; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations work together with families and community partners to promote the importance of school readiness for all children in Berkeley County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to recognize the importance of high-quality early childhood experiences that prepare our youngest citizens for success in school, work and life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christie Rainwater, Mayor of Hanahan, do hereby proclaim August 2023 as Countdown to Kindergarten Month in the City of Hanahan and urge all citizens to support efforts that increase access to high-quality early childhood experiences for children and families.

Duly done this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

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*Christie Rainwater, Mayor*

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*Emily Huff, Clerk of Council*