

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 678

BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

WHEREAS, a crying need of humanity is the achievement of unity, peace, and justice in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in the nineteenth century, Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, brought a message of human dignity, capacity, and oneness suited to the requirements of contemporary life; October 22, 2017 marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh; and

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, the Bahá'ís of Darlington County have striven to apply this vision to the material and spiritual life of the Pee Dee region, working across lines of race, class, and gender to promote unity and to serve their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Pee Dee region has produced such Bahá'í luminaries as John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, Louis G. Gregory, and Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., who have contributed immeasurably to the cultural and intellectual life of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the community-building activities currently undertaken by the Bahá'ís and their collaborators in the Pee Dee region empower diverse participants in our neighborhoods to be agents of social change, working together for the betterment of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Bahá'ís of the Pee Dee area, their families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers are commemorating this bicentenary, along with Bahá'ís across the United States and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, to hereby proclaim Sunday, October 22, 2017 as the

BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

We hereby urge all to resolve on this day: to promote in themselves and in their relations with others those qualities and attributes that will help bring about the recognition of the oneness of humanity; to embrace diversity; and to work for unity in our local community, in our country, and in the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 2 day of October, 2017.



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Attest: 

Charles Stewart
County Administrator