STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

) PROCLAMATION

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

ELEVATE FATHERHOOD MONTH

WHEREAS, fathers represent the foundational element of resilient families - providing love, guidance and support to their children; and

WHEREAS, the significant influence of fathers on their children's development is profound, as they impact values, encourage personal growth and nurture resilience; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, established in 2002, has emerged as a pivotal source of support - equipping tens of thousands of fathers throughout our state with essential resources and knowledge to fulfill their responsibilities in fatherhood; and

WHEREAS, the longstanding collaboration between the Center and the South Carolina Department of Social Services, alongside other state, local and private entities, has facilitated the Center's expansion into all forty-six counties and the enhancement of innovative programs designed to better serve a greater number of fathers; and

WHEREAS, the Center has successfully supported, developed and broadened its Father365 statewide network of regional fatherhood organizations that directly impact thousands of fathers and families every year; and

WHEREAS, when fathers take an active role in leading and engaging with their children, these young individuals thrive in social, emotional and academic domains; and

WHEREAS, the month of June presents an opportunity for all citizens of our county to celebrate and honor the essence of fatherhood – acknowledging the unwavering efforts of fathers in shaping the future of our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Chairman Clarence Gilbert, District 7, and the members of the Fairfield County Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2025**, as **ELEVATE FATHERHOOD MONTH** throughout our county. We encourage all our residents to express gratitude for the fathers in their lives. This initiative aims to celebrate the significant contributions of fathers and to promote their active involvement in the lives of their children. Such involvement is essential for enhancing the well-being of young individuals, cultivating responsible citizens and strengthening families and communities across our country.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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CLARENCE GILBERT
CHAIRMAN

DR. KIMBERLY W. ROBERTS
CLERK TO COUNCIL