

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 814

**PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026
AS FORGING STRONG FATHERS AND FAMILIES MONTH**

WHEREAS, fathers serve as the foundational architects in forging strong and resilient families, providing unwavering love, steadfast guidance, and consistent support that shape the character of their children and the future of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the profound influence of engaged fathers on their children's development is transformative, as they impart core values, build emotional resilience, and equip young people to thrive socially, academically, and personally; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, established in 2002, demonstrated a remarkable increase in impact annually by serving thousands of fathers and children statewide; and

WHEREAS, through its longstanding and productive collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Social Services, along with numerous state, local, and private partners, the Center has expanded its footprint by strategically opening new offices, now operating fifteen hub locations that deliver services across all 46 counties in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Center has strengthened its Father365 statewide network of regional affiliates, enabling thousands of fathers to access high-quality programming in parenting, healthy relationships, economic mobility, jobs training, legal navigation, and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, when fathers actively engage in forging deep and purposeful relationships with their children, these families experience powerful outcomes, including more income earned by program participants, more child support paid, and more saved in incarceration costs, while the Center continues to serve as a national model for innovative and effective fatherhood initiatives.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, to hereby proclaim **the month of June 2026 as**

FORGING STRONG FATHERS AND FAMILIES MONTH

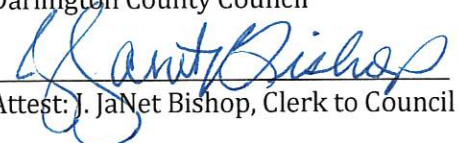
throughout Darlington County and encourage all citizens in Darlington County to honor the fathers and father figures in their lives, support programs that strengthen men and families, and actively participate in forging resilient families that will sustain our communities for generations to come.

Approved by the Darlington County Council in meeting duly assembled this 4th day of May 2026.





Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council



Attest: J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council