

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }
 }
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON }

RESOLUTION NO. 820

**Resolution Recognizing And Honoring
The Members Of The South Carolina State Guard And
September 2026 As National Preparedness Month**

WHEREAS, September is observed as **National Preparedness Month**, an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and disasters and strengthening the resilience of individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina communities face a variety of natural and man-made hazards, including hurricanes, flooding, severe storms, ice storms, earthquakes, wildfires, and other emergencies that can threaten lives, property, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, effective preparedness requires strong partnerships among individuals, local governments, emergency management organizations, law enforcement, first responders, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Guard is a professional military organization and a component of the South Carolina Military Department, established under the South Carolina Code of Laws as a state military force separate and distinct from the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Guard is composed of volunteer officers and enlisted personnel who stand ready to serve the citizens of South Carolina when called upon to support state and local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Guard supports preparedness and emergency response efforts through a variety of capabilities, including disaster relief, search and rescue, medical support, logistics, engineering, legal services, chaplain and counseling services, communications, and other specialized support; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Guard works in coordination with the South Carolina Military Department, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, National Guard, local emergency management agencies, law enforcement, first responders, and county and municipal governments to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Carolina State Guard exemplify a commitment to public service by volunteering their time, skills, and expertise to assist their fellow South

Carolínians and strengthen the State's ability to respond when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month provides an important opportunity for South Carolina communities to recognize the importance of preparedness, encourage residents to take steps to protect themselves and their families, and acknowledge the public servants and organizations that help build safer and more resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the Darlington County Council recognizes the importance of preparedness and the value of strong partnerships among county government, emergency management, public safety agencies, and the South Carolina State Guard in protecting the citizens of Darlington County; and

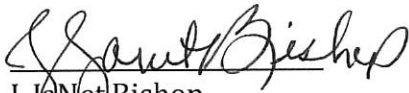
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Darlington County Council hereby recognizes **September 2026 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Darlington County and encourages all residents, businesses, organizations, and community partners to take meaningful steps to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Darlington County Council recognizes and honors the members of the **South Carolina State Guard** for their dedicated volunteer service to the people of South Carolina and commends their continued commitment to preparedness, public service, disaster response, and the safety and resilience of communities throughout the State.

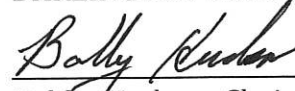
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Darlington County Council encourages continued cooperation and partnership among county governments, emergency management agencies, first responders, the South Carolina State Guard, and other state and local partners to strengthen preparedness and ensure South Carolina communities are ready to respond when emergencies occur.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of September 2026.

ATTEST:


J. Net Bishop
Clerk to Council

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL


Bobby Hudson, Chairman

