

Proclamation

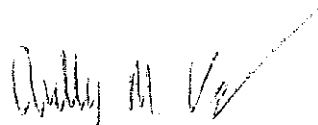
- WHEREAS, National Cannabis Awareness Month is observed in April to increase awareness and education about marijuana; and
- WHEREAS, marijuana use beginning in teen years or younger may affect brain development that can impair thinking, memory, and learning; and
- WHEREAS, in 2023 alone the Richland County Children Services Agency conducted 269 drug tests on minors with 41 teenagers testing positive for marijuana along with children as young as 2-years' old and 16-days' old; and
- WHEREAS, marijuana use affects reaction time, coordination, and concentration, which is associated with impaired driving; and
- WHEREAS, people who use marijuana may develop temporary psychosis (hallucinations, not knowing what is real, and paranoia) and long-lasting mental disorders, including schizophrenia; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control define Marijuana Use Disorder as the inability to stop using marijuana, and signs of Marijuana Use Disorder include trying but failing to quit using marijuana or giving up important activities with friends and family in favor of using marijuana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as a measure to preserve and protect Richland County's upstanding quality of life, and the strength and the prosperity of our communities, the Richland County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of April in 2024 as "National Cannabis Awareness Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 23rd day of April, 2024.



Darrell E. Banks



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