Proclaiming The Month Of September As Library Card Sign-Up Month

WHEREAS, the Library plays a vital role in the educational, business, recreational, and social lives of Darlington County citizens by creating welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn and come together; and

WHEREAS, the Library contributes to the quality of life in Darlington County by offering citizens the opportunities to explore diverse ideas, discover insights and inspiration, and imagine and create new worlds through a rich and inclusive collection of resources, programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Library is essential to our democracy because it helps ensure its citizens have access to information and opportunities for lifelong learning regardless of age, education, ethnicity, gender, language, income, physical limitations, or geographic barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Library strengthens Darlington County through its commitment to free and open access to all, support for our students and educators, being a bridge across the technological digital divide, helping job seekers, aiding in economic development, and serving as a place for the community to come together; and

WHEREAS, a library card from our Darlington County Library may seem insignificant to some, but we believe it represents something that is fundamental to our country, and free and equal access to opportunities for all.

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

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

with the objectives of encouraging Darlington County residents to visit their local library and for all communities to observe Library Card Sign-Up Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Darlington County Council encourages parents, educators, community leaders, and all citizens to work to have every student in Darlington County signed up with a library card.

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this 11th day of September 2023.

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Attest: J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council