



*Proclamation*  
*Office of the Mayor*

**STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
APPRECIATION DAY  
June 14, 2023**

Whereas, the 2022-2023 Stratford High School (SHS) Band Program is attaining unprecedented success in only its second year of 5A competition and the SHS Marching Band earned its highest placement this fall, as the band placed sixth in the 5A State Finals, the highest finish in school history, and the best-ever finish for a 5A school in Berkeley County; and

Whereas, the SHS Band placed a record 68 students in the Region 5 Bands, the highest total for the district and region ever; and 9 students on the SCBDA All State Roster; and 4 students on the SCBDA All State Jazz Roster; and

Whereas, the SHS Wind Orchestra was selected to perform at the President's Cup in Washington, DC in March; the first-ever district band to receive this honor, and the second from South Carolina to do so; and the SHS Trumpet Ensemble was selected to perform at the National Trumpet Competition in Boulder, CO, this March; the first-ever district band to receive this honor, and the second from South Carolina to do so; and

Whereas, Stratford Senior bassoonist Jalyse Iler was selected for the SCBDA Master Recital, and Sophomore bassist Colin McCombs was selected for the SCBDA All-State Jazz Honor Combo; and

Whereas, the Wind Orchestra was awarded a Superior with Distinction in Grade VI music and the Stratford Concert Band was awarded a Superior in Grade IV music at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment, and both Jazz Performance Bands were awarded Superior with Distinctions at Jazz Performance Assessment, the highest rating bands can receive; and

Whereas, Joshua Artz has served as Director of Bands for the past five years and Gregory Priest has served as Director of Bands for the past two years, and serve 200 students each year, giving them a lifelong appreciation and love of music; and those band students have taken the discipline and skills learned in band and translated it into lifelong learning, resulting in four of the top five graduating seniors of a class of 523 this year, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Now Therefore, I, Gregory S. Habib, Mayor of Goose Creek, South Carolina, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2023 as Stratford High School Band Appreciation Day.

Gregory S. Habib  
Mayor

Attest:

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC  
City Clerk

