



We Are Columbia

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2014

TO: Erika Moore, City Clerk

CC: Teresa Wilson, City Manager
Niki Daniels, Office of City Clerk

FROM: Deborah Livingston, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Request for City Council Agenda (6/17/2014) - National Homeownership Month Proclamation and Presentation of "Partner In Excellence" Awards for OMG of Homeownership.



The Community Development Department is requesting that the following items be placed on the June 17, 2014 City Council agenda.

- A proclamation recognizing National Homeownership Month - June is National Homeownership Month and is an opportunity to encourage our citizens to explore the benefits of owning a home. *Please find attached the draft National Homeownership Month Proclamation.*
- The Community Development Department will also make a presentation to Home Depot and to South Carolina Bank & Trust: "*Partner In Excellence*" Award for their continuous contribution and support of the Annual "OMG" Owning, Maintenance and Gardening of Homeownership workshop for the past three (3) years. Both recipients have contributed financial resources, quality information and hands on training in the spirit of excellence making "OMG" a premiere city event.
- Special recognition of City Departments, Columbia Police, Forestry & Beautification, Information Technology and Public Relations for their annual contributions and support of "OMG".
- CD will host the 3rd Annual Ownership, Maintenance, and Gardening "OMG" of Homeownership Workshop on Saturday, June 21, 2014, 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Northeast Campus of Midlands Tech located at 151 Powell Road.

Please let me know if you have any questions or contact Jeff Rainwater at (803) 545-3383.

Thank you.



City of Columbia
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, *National Homeownership Month* is an opportunity to encourage citizens to explore the benefits of owning and maintaining a home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia's Community Development Department has been working for over 38 years to help revitalize communities and provide affordable housing to the citizens of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, homeownership encourages personal responsibility and instills a sense of pride and accomplishment and generates economic growth that helps strengthen our city; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Columbia Field Office of HUD have made great strides in opening housing markets to underserved groups, thus giving more Americans an equal opportunity to live wherever they choose; and

WHEREAS, during National Homeownership Month, Community Development recognizes South Carolina Bank and Trust (SCBT) as the 2014 recipient of the "Partner In Excellence" award for their continuous support of the annual "OMG" Owning, Maintenance and Gardening of Homeownership workshop; and

WHEREAS, for two years SCBT has contributed financial resources, quality information and hands on training in the spirit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Bank & Trust's philosophy is to always be a community bank that cares about and takes an active role in the communities they serve and is proud to embrace being a leader in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia encourages SCBT to continue their philosophy that helps meet affordable housing needs and promote homeownership within the city limits and thanks SCBT for their dedication and service in making Columbia a world-class city.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

National Homeownership Month

in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

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WHEREAS, for two years, The Home Depot has contributed financial resources, quality information and hands on training in the spirit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Home Depot's mission and core values include giving back to the communities, exercising good judgment, building strong relationships and respond to the needs of communities; and

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