



City of Columbia
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Homeownership Month is an opportunity to reaffirm the important role that 'home' plays for our citizens and neighborhoods. For over 41 years, the Community Development Department has been working to help revitalize communities and provide affordable housing and financial information to the citizens of Columbia.

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 many more Americans an equal opportunity to live wherever they choose; and

WHEREAS, each year National Homeownership Month is celebrated in the United States to encourage the benefits of owning and maintaining a home; and

WHEREAS, during National Homeownership Month, Community Development recognizes Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance Agency as the 2016 recipient of the "Partner In Excellence" award for their continuous contribution and support of the Annual "OMG" Owning, Maintenance and Gardening of Homeownership workshop; and

WHEREAS, for three (3) years Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance Agency has contributed financial resources, quality information and hands on training in the spirit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance Agency philosophy is to provide our customers with all of the information they need to grow and protect their assets using the products, services, and experience of our remarkable organization.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia encourages Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance Agency to continue to support homeownership within the city limits, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2016, as

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

in the City of Columbia and encourage everyone to join me in recognizing the importance of homeownership.

Stephen K. Benjamin
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