



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON
Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive-compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

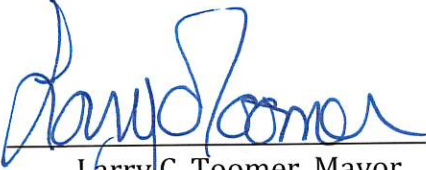
WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome and persistent tic disorders affect 1 in 50 children across all races and ethnic groups. An estimated 22,246 school age children in the State of South Carolina alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, especially in those with less access to health care; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist children and families living with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of Tourette Syndrome; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Larry Toomer, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, along with Town Council, do hereby proclaim that May 15 - June 15, 2026 be recognized as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month" in the Town of Bluffton to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Bluffton to be affixed this 12th day of May 2026.


Larry C. Toomer, Mayor

