

PROCLAMATION

the city of **RIDGELAND**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, while progress has been significant in reducing deaths from heart diseases, it is still the No. 1 killer of both women and men; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the nations' leading cause of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$312.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, about 2,150 people die from cardiovascular diseases each day accounting for about one death every 40 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population and community-level interventions, public health and policy measures; and

WHEREAS, effort of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2013 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENE MCGEE, Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, do hereby proclaim February 2013 to be

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

And urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the
_____ **1st** _____ day of **February** _____ in the year of
our Lord, **2013**

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

