

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF PICKENS)

RESOLUTION # 2022-24

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 16th AS CHARLES HEYWARD BARKER DAY

WHEREAS, Pickens County and its citizens enjoy the benefits, rights, and freedoms guaranteed in these United States; and

WHEREAS these freedoms are not free, but come at a cost paid by patriots throughout our history, including sacrifices by those service members who are taken as prisoners of war or missing in action; and

WHEREAS, for more than 150 years, the Medal of Honor has been the U.S. military's highest award for acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,500 individuals have received this highest honor, including four Pickens County citizens; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, presented the Medal of Honor (Posthumously) to Private First Class Charles Heyward Barker, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty, while serving with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, in action against enemy aggressor forces at Sokkogae, Korea on 4 June 1953; and

WHEREAS, National Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday of September to recommit to full accountability to the families of the more than 80,000 veterans captured or still missing from wars in which the United States has participated; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Barker, after voluntarily electing to cover the retrograde movement of his platoon preparatory to moving back to the outpost, gallantly maintained a defense and was last seen in close hand-to-hand combat with the enemy and his remains were never found; and

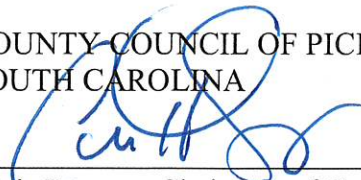
WHEREAS, Pickens County Office of Veterans Affairs and the Pickens County Council wishes to commemorate the bravery of PFC Barker on this POW/MIA Recognition Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pickens County Council recognizes September 16, 2022 as Charles Heyward Barker Day to recognize his unflinching courage, devotion to duty, and supreme sacrifice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pickens County honors all men and women in the Armed Forces throughout the state and across the country who were prisoners of war or remain missing in action.

Passed and approved, this 12 day of September, 2022.

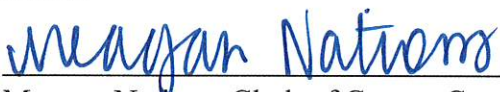
COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA



Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:



Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina