

**Proclamation**  
**National School Breakfast Week**  
**March 2nd – 6th, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the School Breakfast Program (SBP), permanently established in 1975, provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts to more than 15 million children across 91,000 schools and institutions in the United States each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Breakfast Program meets the nutritional needs of children, improves food security, and promotes health, learning, and development by providing nutritionally balanced breakfasts to school children each day; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 percent of children in South Carolina are food insecure and face hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, school-aged children who experience hunger are more likely to be absent from school, visit the school nurse, and experience more challenges than children with a nutritious diet, and skipping breakfast has consistently been linked with worse academic and health outcomes for children; and

**WHEREAS**, eating breakfast improves children's overall diets, builds healthy, lifelong eating habits and enhances their ability to learn and perform academically; and

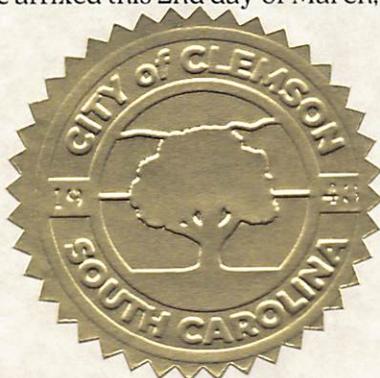
**WHEREAS**, making breakfast a part of the school day, commonly known as Breakfast After the Bell, and offering breakfast at no cost are effective ways to ensure more students realize the benefits of breakfast; and

**WHEREAS**, 46.8 million breakfast meals were served in South Carolina in 2025 through Healthy School Meals for All and participation in the federal Community Eligibility Provision, reaching over 277,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, caregivers, teachers, and school food personnel all play an essential role to ensure the children of Clemson have the basic resources needed to grow, learn, discover their own potential, and live happy fulfilling lives; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Robert Halfacre, Mayor of the City of Clemson, do hereby proclaim March 2nd – 6th, 2026, as School Breakfast Week and encourage all residents of Clemson to recognize and commemorate school administrators, school nutrition directors, and cafeteria staff who operate school breakfast programs that ensure the health, safety, and success of our children.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Clemson to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 2026.



Robert Halfacre, Mayor

Jeremiah Jackson, City Clerk