Greater Aiken Chapter of SCORE Proclamation

2017 National Chapter of Year Award for Small Cities

WHEREAS, the Greater Aiken Chapter of SCORE has been awarded the 2017 National Chapter of Year Award for small cities; and

WHEREAS, this is a significant accomplishment since SCORE, the all-volunteer arm of the Small Business Administration (SBA), has nearly 340 chapters across the US; and

WHEREAS, SCORE provides mentors, coaching and training to local small businesses and entrepreneurs. In the Greater Aiken area SCORE volunteers provide one-on-one support, seminar training and presentations in local schools and universities. Currently 41 volunteers in the Greater Aiken SCORE Chapter support small businesses and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Aiken’s Chapter was encouraged to submit an application after a strong showing in the National Chapter of the Year Award review the previous year; and

WHEREAS, last year the Greater Aiken SCORE Chapter met with 367 clients in nearly 700 meetings. They conducted 48 seminars that were attended by 1,950 members of the small business community; and

WHEREAS, SCORE volunteers also provide instruction to students at Aiken High School. Presentations are made to graduating seniors on how to find a job, what to expect from your first boss and how to be successful in the job interview; and

WHEREAS, additionally, they teach classes in the Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) in Edgefield and graduated 76 people who completed the eight sessions of the SCORE Simple Steps Program on how to start a small business. This year that effort has been extended to a State Correctional Institute as well.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rick Osbon, Mayor, and the Council of the City of Aiken, do hereby congratulate the entire SCORE team for this great recognition for the Aiken SCORE Chapter that is making a significant contribution to the Aiken community. We are extremely proud of you!

Rick Osbon
Mayor