

**National County Government Month  
April 2010  
"Healthy Counties"**

**WHEREAS**, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Barnwell County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments are integral to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, as employers, counties provide health insurance benefits to nearly three million county employees and their retirees nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community; and

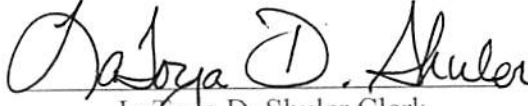
**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties and Barnwell County are working together to **Restore the Partnership** among all levels of government to better serve American communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Thomas L. Williams, Chairman of Barnwell County Council, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as National County Government Month.

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
Thomas L. Williams, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
LaToya D. Shuler Clerk



John B. English

