

City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SUMTER)
CITY OF SUMTER)

WHEREAS, Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 100,000 members in 3,400 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, one of the Primary Purposes of Optimist International is to inspire respect for the law; and

WHEREAS, The Optimist International "Respect for Law" program began in 1965 with the aim of inspiring all youth to develop a respect for the law and for law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Optimist International "Respect for Law" program is the organization's fourth most popular international project with over 1,500 local clubs participating; and

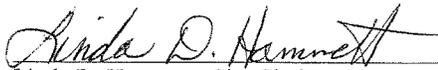
WHEREAS, The Evening Optimist Club of Sumter believes that it is important for children to grow up with a strong belief in abiding by the law, respecting law enforcement, and promoting an atmosphere of non-violence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of *May 7th through 12th, 2012* as:

"RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK"
in the
CITY OF SUMTER

and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses in the City of Sumter to support the Evening Optimist Club in their efforts to inspire respect for the law and law enforcement among the children and youth of our community, and to aid and encourage the development of an atmosphere of non-violence.


Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

