We stand together to condemn racism, discrimination and injustice

Charged with ensuring the best quality of life for its citizens, the leadership of Athens County
is dedicated to achieving racial and social justice by contributing to a more fair and impartial
society where all community members can realize their full potential. We are committed to
the unprejudiced treatment of all people, resulting in fair opportunities and outcomes for
everyone. We pledge to do more to support all people of color that are injured in so many
ways by racial discrimination, systemic biases, and institutional barriers. We will do this
through:

• **Eliminating racial and social equity barriers in social services programs, local policies
  and practices**
• **Creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect both within
  our organizations and in all aspects of our community role**
• **Honestly listening to and supporting the thoughtful expression of citizens experiencing
  these injustices**

The agencies, organizations, and offices of Athens County are fundamental partners in the
movement toward a just and equitable society. We are committed to providing the
leadership, support, and active participation in the fight for racial and social equity.