RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND TO PARTNER WITH THE SAINT JAMES FOUNDATION FOR A GULLAH CULTURAL CENTER

WHEREAS, James Island is rich in history and its cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island was approached by the Saint James Foundation to help preserve the history of the Gullah Culture by providing a \$200,000 match with Greenbelt Funds; and

WHEREAS, The Saint James Foundation plans to break ground in December, 2014 for construction of a Gullah Cultural Center on two-acres of a nine-acre parcel, at 1861 Grimball Road.

The remaining acreage will be transformed into a landscaped ecosystem with plants consistent with Gullah Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Gullah Cultural Center is estimated to cost \$2.1 million and the Foundation is partnering with other entities and applying for funds through the Charleston County Greenbelt Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island wishes to stimulate the growth of its creative economy and ensure access to cultural arts for all citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of James Island Council agree to partner with the Saint James Foundation by providing \$200,000 from its Greenbelt Funds to support the Saint James Foundation Gullah Cultural Center Greenbelt application.

Enacted this 17th day of July, 2014

Bill Woolsey

Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons Town Clerk