A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHORHOOD PRESERVATION AREA OF THE FOLLY ROAD CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island approved a Folly Road Corridor Overlay Zoning District in November 2013 to develop consistency in planning and zoning efforts along the Folly Road Corridor with other jurisdictions that share this corridor; and

WHEREAS the Neighborhood Preservation area was once in the Town of James Island where the mostly residential zoning maintained its rural and residential character; and

WHEREAS, most of the area in question currently has a base zoning of S-3 in Charleston County, allowing for three (3) homes per acre which also maintains the area's existing character; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County passed a Folly Road Overlay District in 2006, less than one month after a referendum incorporating the Town had passed, so the overlay did not apply between 2006 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council held a public hearing on May 13 to receive citizen input on proposed text amendments to its Zoning and Land Development Regulations regarding the Neighborhood Preservation area of the Folly Road Corridor Overlay Zoning District; and will hold a third reading regarding this matter on May 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming sentiment expressed at that hearing by those in the surrounding community and most of the affected property owners in the overlay supported maintaining the character of the area as reflected in the current S-3 base zoning rather than the Commercial Transitional that began to be applied sometime during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, this area in question would fall under the Neighborhood Preservation area of the proposed Folly Road Corridor Overlay District which serves to protect the integrity of this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of James Island asks that Charleston County retain the Neighborhood Preservation Zoning characteristics planned for this Overlay District,

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 2014.

Bill Woolsey, Mayor

Frances Simmons, Town Clerk