

*A Resolution
Honoring the Town of James Island
As a Tree City USA*

WHEREAS, the Tree City USA program is an Arbor Day Foundation Program in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Urban and Community Forestry Program and the National Association of State Foresters, and

WHEREAS, the Tree City USA program has been organized in cities and towns across the U.S. since 1976, and is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees, and

WHEREAS, more than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA and have achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management, and

WHEREAS, the benefits of being a part of the Tree City USA program are substantial and include reducing costs for energy, stormwater management and erosion control, cutting energy consumption by planting additional trees, boosting property values, educating the community about the value of trees and sustainable tree management and improving community pride, and

WHEREAS, during 2020, the Town of James Island Trees Council sought recognition as a Tree City USA and worked closely with the Mayor and staff to seek this recognition, and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the Arbor Day Foundation notified the Town of James Island that they had been designated a Tree City USA, and

WHEREAS, as a Tree City USA, the Town of James Island has committed to the planting and caring for of trees as a vital step in developing civic pride and a sense of community, and

WHEREAS, an important part of James Island's culture, history and identity is directly related to its trees, and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island will acknowledge and celebrate its designation as a Tree City USA in conjunction with the Town's celebration of SC Arbor Day on December 4, 2020 by planting trees at Town Hall, Pinckney Park and on the Dills Bluff Boardwalk, and the placing of a Tree City USA sign at Town Hall, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of James Island has achieved status and recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA and will recognize December 4, 2020 as a Community Celebration and Observance of this status and SC Arbor Day.

Enacted this 19th day of November, 2020

Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk