A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, in 1871 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska,

WHEREAS, the planting of trees is a vital step in developing civic pride and a sense of community; and trees provide an abundance of environmental and aesthetic advantages to citizens and wildlife, wherever they are found,

WHEREAS, James Island residents have shown an interest in the preservation and protection of trees as part of environmental and beautification efforts on James Island; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island has the goal of collaborating with the City of Charleston, Charleston County, the James Island Public Service District and other community groups and schools in the educating of the public relating to trees, the planting of trees and the care of trees on James Island; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has designated the first Friday in December as the State Arbor Day,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1: That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made part of this reference;

Section 2: That The Town of James Island will designate an annual community Arbor Day observance and celebration in conjunction with South Carolina's state Arbor Day on the first Friday of every December; and

Section 3: That the Town of James Island hereby designates Friday December 3, 2021 as Arbor Day, and we urge all citizens to plant trees and to support our Town's efforts for tree preservation.

Section 4: This Resolution to become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Enacted this the 18th day of November, 2021

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Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST

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Frances Simmons
Town Clerk