COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOYCE WASHINGTON DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 70TH BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 08, 2024

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Washington Davis, a native of Orangeburg, South Carolina, has dedicated her life to education, community service, and uplifting others; and

WHEREAS, she is the beloved daughter of Mrs. Beulah Washington and the late George C. Washington, and a proud graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis's educational journey led her to South Carolina State University, where she achieved not one, but four degrees: a Bachelor's Degree in English (1977), a Master's Degree in English Education, an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration and Supervision, and a Doctorate Degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, she met the love of her life, the late Councilman Willie R. Davis, and together they were blessed with a daughter, Jasmin Wiletta Davis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis is an esteemed member of Emanuel AME Church in Cope, South Carolina, where she serves as Steward Pro Tem, Class Leader, Young People's & Children's Division (YPD) Director, Female Chorus member, and a devoted member of the Women's Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a dedicated teacher and administrator in the Colleton County School District and currently holds the position of Director of Student Support Services in Dorchester School District Four; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis's commitment extends beyond the classroom, as she actively participates in numerous educational and civic organizations, including the XI Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) St. George Branch, and Trinity Chapter #3 Order of Eastern Stars. She also contributes her time and expertise to the Dorchester County Foster Review Board 1B, the Upper Dorchester Civic Organization, and the South Carolina Education Association. Dr. Davis's warm spirit and dedication to service have made her a valued member of the St. George Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, her passion lies in helping others succeed, and her motto, "There is no failure, only feedback," inspires those around her. Every day is a day of Thanksgiving so be the reason someone smiles every day. The only key for success is to never, never give up and put God first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this special day, we celebrate Dr. Joyce Washington Davis, a beacon of kindness, wisdom, and resilience. May her life continue to be a source of inspiration, and may her smile brighten the lives of all who cross her path.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, the original shall be presented to Dr. Joyce Washington Davis, and a copy filed in the permanent records of Dorchester County, South Carolina.

ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2024.

S. Todd Friddle, Chairman

Dorchester County Council

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