RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON BY AFFIRIMING THE CONTINUED DEDICATION TO FAIR HOUSING PRINCIPLES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, April 11, 2024 marks the 56th anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, as amended, which guarantees fair housing opportunities for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair housing is not only state and national law and policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or family status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, as a community we welcome all good neighbors, recognizing the contributions and richness tendered by a wide variety of young and old, male and female, people of all colors, ethnic backgrounds, and religious traditions; and

WHEREAS, interested parties from both the private and public sectors will participate in a town, state and national effort to promote fair housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

- 1. The month of April 2024 to be "Fair Housing Month;" and
- 2. All residents of our community are urged to personally adopt the spirit of equal housing opportunity and adhere to the letter and character of the Fair Housing Laws.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION. SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 9th DAY OF April, 2024.

> Larry C. Toomer, Mayor Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk Town of Bluffton, South Carolina