## A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO IRIS HILL, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, FOR HER EXEMPLARY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

WHEREAS, Iris Hill was appointed as Town Administrator on February 16, 2009, and has provided 14 years of dedicated service to the Town of Edisto beach; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ms. Hill's tenure with the Town of Edisto Beach, she worked successfully and diligently with Town Mayors and Councilmembers with unwavering commitment to the promotion and betterment of the Town of Edisto Beach; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Hill's tenure as Town Administrator, her exemplary standards for professionalism in decision-making and work performance strengthened the Town of Edisto Beach, its residents, and Town Hall employees; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Hill's leadership, the fiscal health of the Town of Edisto Beach was secured with balanced budgets, outstanding audits, high bond ratings, structured budget line items, grants, long-range fiscal planning, and viable benefits for Town employees, she secured the Town's stability during economic and lean periods; and

WHEREAS, through Ms. Hill's determined efforts, she spearheaded several large Town of Edisto Beach projects and initiatives, such as a \$20 million beach renourishment program and a comprehensive beach management plan, the growth of the police and fire departments, the establishment of an \$8 million water improvement project, a \$1 million drainage improvement project, sidewalk enhancement project, the development of Bay Creek Park, utility upgrades, street improvements, recreational improvements, AirMed medical service, organized and sponsored Town events, and many initiatives too numerous to enumerate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill's outstanding efforts in coordinating and managing these initiatives and projects have produced numerous achievement awards from the Municipal Association of South Carolina, including in 2012 for the Bay Creek Park Project; in 2013 for the Public Access Improvement Project; in 2016 for the Sidewalk Enhancement Project; in 2018 for the Edisto Beach Nourishment Program; in 2020 for the Edisto Beach Water Improvement Project; and in 2022 for Edisto Beach's First Master Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill has prepared the Town for hurricane preparedness and emergency recovery and management and has worked with federal, state, and regional agencies to plan and to have procedures in place to keep the Town residents, employees, visitors, facilities, and buildings as safe as possible, and in working with these agencies before, during, and after seven named hurricanes, successfully navigated the arduous process of receiving millions of dollars in state and federal financial assistance for beach nourishment, property damage, and other emergency protective measures; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill has represented the Town of Edisto Beach diligently and exceptionally well in community and professional organizations, including South Carolina Beach Advocates Board

of Directors, South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Board of Trustees, South Carolina Beach Preservation Stakeholder Workgroup, South Carolina City and County Managers Association, Colleton County Long Term Recovery Group, International City/County Management Association, Governmental Finance Officers Association, Small Cities Coalition, Lowcountry Food Bank Volunteer, Town of Edisto Beach Volunteer Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Ms. Hill's impressive achievements, she has also left a legacy of mentoring and leading Town Hall staff and employees which will serve the Town of Edisto Beach well into the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ms. Hill's tenure as Town Administrator, in both good and challenging times, many Mayors and Councilmembers have been extremely grateful for her leadership, direction, and courage through difficult, complex situations for the betterment of our Town; and

WHEREAS, this Mayor and Council greatly appreciates her years of professional service, guidance, and leadership of the Town of Edisto Beach, and expresses gratitude for her 14 years of service to the Town of Edisto Beach, Colleton County, and the State of South Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Edisto Beach, on behalf of this community expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Iris Hill for her service above self in 14 years of steadfast, exemplary service to the Town and the community as Town Administrator.

W. Crawford Moore, Jr., Mayor

Jerome W. Kizer, Councilmember

James R. Watts, Councilmember

Robert N. Renner, Councilmember

Joseph D. Ragwell, Council member