**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )**

 **) A RESOLUTION**

**COUNTY OF RICHLAND )**

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING

EARTH DAY

**WHEREAS** Earth Day has been celebrated each April 22 since 1970.

**WHEREAS** the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

**WHEREAS** Healthy land and clean water and air are essential to the health of our communities and wildlife.

**WHEREAS** Earth Day is an opportunity to renew our commitment to preserving and protecting the state of our environment through community service and responsible stewardship.

**WHEREAS** Our Nation has a proud conservation tradition, which includes countless individuals who have worked to safeguard our natural legacy and ensure our children can benefit from these resources.

**WHEREAS** Everyone deserves the cleanest air, the safest water, and unpolluted land, and each person can take steps to protect those precious resources.

**WHEREAS** it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

**WHEREAS** a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer campaigns; and

**FURTHERMORE,** let it be known that Richland County, South Carolina hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** the Richland County, South Carolina, hereby pledges this Earth Day, April 22, 2013, to support green initiatives in Richland County, South Carolinaand to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

**ADOPTED** this 23rd day of April, 2013

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 Kelvin Washington, Chairman

 Richland County Council

Attest this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2013

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Clerk of Council