

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA
SUPPORTING THE FUNDING REQUEST
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A SPECIAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN (SAMP) FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State is losing unique and irreplaceable natural areas and sea island wetland habitats to second home and resort development; and

WHEREAS, the fragmentation of this habitat is degrading the high quality water resources that serve as the primary engine of economic growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, traditional economic uses of water resources, such as fishing and shellfish harvesting, are threatened by their degradation; and,

WHEREAS, Beaufort County has been identified as the fastest growing County in South Carolina, and experience in other areas shows that such rapid growth will degrade high quality water resources unless appropriate planning measures are taken; and,

WHEREAS, it is Beaufort County policy, as stated in the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan adopted on December 15, 1997, that a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) be developed for the Port Royal and St. Helena Sounds, and that the recommendations of the Beaufort County Clean Water Task Force as adopted in the Plan be duly implemented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Council of Beaufort County joins with the South Carolina Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in supporting the funding request for \$1.8 million in the U.S. Department of Commerce budget to support its ability to develop a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) to address natural waterways preservation issues.


Adopted this 23rd day of March, 1998.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 

H. Emmett McCracken, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk to Council