

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council recognizes the tremendous contribution the United States Armed Forces make to the economic and cultural way of life in Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, it is the United States Armed Forces that guards America's freedoms and from these freedoms flow every American's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces are responsible for securing the American way of life from outside threat; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of their duties, the members of the United States Armed Forces often must serve in locations outside of the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, these United States Armed Forces members are not able to control the manner in which the United States Department of Defense processes and delivers military mail; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is the Commander-in-Chief with responsibility over all military procedures; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the President of the United States has the power to ensure that all applicable voting laws in every state in the United States are met by the United States Department of Defense and all segments of the United States military command in the processing and delivery of any and all absentee ballots to their respective states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaufort County Council first affirms its belief that all ballots cast by members of the United States Armed Forces be counted in every jurisdiction in the United States; and

Second, calls on the President of the United States to immediately request that all jurisdictions in the United States count every absentee ballot cast by every service member stationed outside of the United States whose ballot was processed by the military mail system and was delivered on time to that proper jurisdiction; and

Third, calls upon the President of the United States to create the process and procedures and to ensure that all absentee ballots cast by service members will be counted in all jurisdictions as a result of the military command mail system meeting the laws of all jurisdictions in each of the United States.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 

Frank Brafman  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Clerk to Council