RESOLUTION Participation in Federal 287 (G) Program

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the *Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Act of 1996* which permits state and local law enforcement officers to partner with federal officials in the investigation of persons who violate the U.S. Immigration Code; and

WHEREAS, this federal initiative referred to as the Federal 287 (G) Program provides personnel training and facility detention and deportation certification at no expense to Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, the Beaufort County Detention Center and the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office would assist the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE) and state officials in the identification, processing and prosecution of criminals who violate the U.S. Immigration Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of Beaufort County Council that the citizens of Beaufort County receive the benefits of the Federal 287 (G) Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Beaufort County Council authorizes and directs the County Administrator, Sheriff and Solicitor of the 14th District to apply for and execute all necessary agreements to qualify Beaufort County as a full participant in the Federal 287 (G) Program.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By:_

Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council