

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADJUST SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE JUDGES WITH INCREASED FLEXIBILITY TO SENTENCE NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS TO PUBLIC SERVICE WORK TO HELP COMMUNITIES ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF LITTER.

WHEREAS, Greenville County continues to seek cost effective methods to remove litter from our highways and roadsides; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many groups, organizations, and agencies have used numerous approaches to create and sustain a clean environment in which to live work, and play, and despite their best efforts, litter continues to be an ever increasing problem; and

WHEREAS, litter is aesthetically displeasing, presents a threat to human health, impedes economic development, and affects the quality of life for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, with efforts like Palmetto Pride, the General Assembly has assisted in statewide litter reduction efforts that have benefited Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has further assisted local communities litter removal efforts with passage of Act 8 of 2015 which amended definitions of “public service work” to allow for greater participation by the courts in litter removal programs through appropriate probation or sentencing conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council supports the efforts of the General Assembly to amend sentencing requirements to provide judges with increased flexibility to sentence non-violent offenders to public service work to help communities address the issue of litter.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph Kernell
County Administrator

Attest:

Theresa B. Kizer
Clerk to Council