**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE APRIL “DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MONTH,” IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS AND DISPLAY SOUTH CAROLINA’S COMMITMENT TO CREATING AND SUSTAINING A JUST AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

Whereas, South Carolina is the home to a multicultural and diverse population consisting of many ethnicities; and

Whereas, recognition of diversity and social justice is crucial to promoting development of rural leaders and communities, both quality housing and education for low‑income families, and quality services to the elderly; and

Whereas, recognition results in cultivating more responsive human‑service organization while developing and teaching principals of planned peaceful change; and

Whereas, social justice provides for policy development and reform in areas relevant to the needs of the oppressed and of populations at risk; and

Whereas, diversity assists social agencies, government, businesses, and industries in matters such as race relations and the enhancement of economic growth through human‑service development. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, declare April “Diversity and Social Justice Month” in order to celebrate the diversity of all South Carolinians and display South Carolina’s commitment to creating and sustaining a just and peaceful world.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Sadye Logan, Director of the I. DeQuincy Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice at the University of South Carolina.

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