**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY THIS RESOLUTION, HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH CAROLINA OF MICROENTERPRISES, DEFINED AS SMALL BUSINESSES WITH FEWER THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES, AND DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2011, AND THE MONTH OF JUNE EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL JUNE 2021, AS “MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, microenterprises, small businesses with fewer than five employees, comprise over seventeen percent of South Carolina’s employment, providing jobs for more than three hundred ninety thousand South Carolinians; and

Whereas, microenterprises produce jobs through all economic cycles; and

Whereas, South Carolina recognizes that microenterprises stabilize the economies of South Carolina communities by providing local ownership and homegrown products and services; and

Whereas, South Carolina recognizes that training in microenterprise propels people out of poverty and into economic growth; and

Whereas, South Carolina also recognizes the contributions of microentrepreneurs who come from diverse cultures and backgrounds to build the American dream of owning their own businesses; and

Whereas, South Carolina treasures the social, economic, and environmental contributions of its microentrepreneurs; and

Whereas, South Carolina recognizes the importance of microenterprise development, business counseling, and accessible credit as key to the success of microentrepreneurs; and

Whereas, microenterprise development is an essential component of every community hoping to inspire and promote entrepreneurship; and

Whereas, South Carolina communities can stimulate the growth and success of entrepreneurship by fostering microenterprise development and by working together to promote outreach, advocacy, and education encouraging the growth of microenterprise and microentrepreneurship opportunities for South Carolinians. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, hereby recognize the importance to South Carolina of microenterprises, defined as small businesses with fewer than five employees, and designate the month of June 2011, and the month of June every year thereafter until June 2021, as “Microenterprise Development Month” in South Carolina.

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