**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AS “CITIES MEAN BUSINESS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO HONOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SOUTH CAROLINA CITIES AND TOWNS MAKE TO THE STATE’S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Whereas, the State of South Carolina has two hundred seventy-one duly incorporated municipalities; and

Whereas, cities and towns in this State derive their power from the state constitution and laws adopted by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, as valuable resources for this State, cities and towns are drivers of state economic development, job creation, and competitiveness efforts; and

Whereas, the hometowns and heart of this State, cities and towns provide a sense of place and a spirit of community to all within and around their municipal boundaries; and

Whereas, cities and towns provide essential services such as law enforcement, fire protection, health and sanitation, recreation, and growth and development controls to protect and enhance the quality of life for all of citizens of the State; and

Whereas, the amenities and services that cities and towns provide to residents attract business and industry to the region; and

Whereas, mayors and councilmembers, as local elected leadership, guide the growth and development of cities and towns that leads to the success of the State and the region; and

Whereas, dedicated employees of cities and towns provide services for residents that contribute to the quality of life and local business success; and

Whereas, as economic engines of the State, cities and towns mean business, and they contribute to the overall success of South Carolina; and

Whereas, healthy, financially sound, and economically strong cities and towns are essential to the health and welfare of this State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Tuesday, February 4, 2020 as “Cities Mean Business Day” in South Carolina to honor the valuable contributions that South Carolina cities and towns make to the state’s economic prosperity through their relationships with local businesses.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cornelius Huff, Mayor of the City of Inman, and the President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

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