RESOLUTION 2019-1016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE, SOUTH CAROLINA, ENCOURAGING THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT H.3063, "Hate Crime Bill"

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, in 2017 hate crimes across the United States rose by 17 percent and nearly three out of five incidents were related to race and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is one of only five states in the United States that does not have any laws on hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, H.3063 is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, H.3063 provides penalties for a person convicted of a crime with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten a person because of his race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to promote the safe and quiet enjoyment of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the Town of Yemassee, Town Council desires to authorize the Mayor to express to the South Carolina General Assembly its support for H.3063, "Hate Crime Bill."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE TOWN COUNCIL THAT: The Town Council of the Town of Yemassee hereby authorizes the Mayor to express his support for H.3063, "Hate Crime Bill."

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEIATELY UPON ADOPTION, SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

Colin J Moore, Mayor

Town of Yemassee, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Matthew E Garnes, Town Clerk

Town of Yemassee, South Carolina

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