

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the need exists to reaffirm the original name, **Okatie**, for the unincorporated area lying in Southern Beaufort County between two rivers: Chechessee and New River; and

WHEREAS, the **Okatie** Indian tribe was one of the largest tribes within the Yemassee tribe; and

WHEREAS, the **Okatie** River and surrounding lands were in existence prior to the establishment of baronies, districts, parishes, and counties and called **Okatie**, meaning "Quiet Waters"; and

WHEREAS, all Barony and district maps, surveys and legal documents dating back to the early 1700's are documented as **Okatie**; and

WHEREAS, the **Okatie** Post Office was established in Beaufort County in 1889, with the original site of the Post Office being near the center of Del Webb's Sun City, a large planned development to be located on S.C. Highway 170; and

WHEREAS, in 1912, when Jasper County was formed, the Post Office continued under the auspices of The United States Postal Service as **Okatie**, South Carolina, until 1928; and

WHEREAS, local landowners who live in **Okatie** state that the **Okatie** Post Office and the **Okatie** Club, established in 1893, were so named because **Okatie** was the only documented name in existence for the area; and

WHEREAS, the name **Okatie** is the oldest identifiable name in Beaufort County and should be preserved to protect our Indian heritage; and

WHEREAS, the names of rivers, mountains, Indian lands and tribes are among the few historic treasures that have been able to withstand the shock of time, and the Beaufort County Council is desirous of helping memorialize these important historical names; and

WHEREAS, the Del Webb development and the proposed University of South Carolina new campus will be situated within the **Okatie** and the Beaufort County Council feels it is important to properly recognize this portion of Beaufort County as the "**Okatie**".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaufort County Council reaffirms the original name, **Okatie**, and embraces this historic name as the appropriate geographical reference for the area described as follows: To the north by S.C. Highway 170

and the Beaufort County line; to the east by Broad River Bridge and **Okatie** River, and S.C. Road 50; to the south by S.C. Highways 278 and 170; to the west by New River and S.C. Highway 170.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 1994.

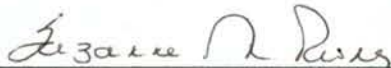
COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____

Thomas C. Taylor
Chairman

ATTEST:



Clerk to Council