

A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Whereas, the multiplier effect of supporting Local Independent Business and farmers helps keep three dollars for every one dollar spent circulating in our community; and

Whereas, an economic study has indicated that by shifting 10% of all purchasing of goods or services to local independents local residents could create \$140 million in new economic activity through keeping money local; and

Whereas, the same shift of 10% can create 1600 new jobs and \$50 million in new wages; and

Whereas, the 10% Shift can increase local economic activity without relying on an increase in taxes; and

Whereas, supporting local independent businesses and farmers protects our historic and rural spaces; and

Whereas, the use of local Independent businesses and farmers can create less overall environmental impact; and

Whereas, local independent businesses foster more personal service; and

Whereas, studies have shown that nonprofit organizations receive an average of 350% more support from local independent businesses; and

Whereas, the local independent businesses and farmers are what keep our area unique; and

Whereas, the shift of a portion of consumer spending will still maintain support for regional and national vendors and merchants who form a strong part of our community;

Now, Therefore Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, we are asking all business owners, citizens, government agencies and nonprofits to shift 10% or more of their annual budget to locally owned and independent businesses.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman
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