STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

RESOLUTION #09-09

DORCHESTER COUNTY FAITH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Dorchester County Council, an elected body with strong Judeo-Christian beliefs in God and *His* teachings do hereby affirm the belief and conviction that America *IS* a Christian Nation; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County, constituted and organized in 1897 under God's Holy Will, is a County of people devoted to Christian ethics and character, and a belief that God's Devine Providence shapes and guides our very being, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, the first act of America's first Congress in 1774 was to ask a minister to open with prayer to God and to lead Congress in the reading of four chapters of the Bible, the Dorchester County Council meetings are always opened with prayer to Almighty God to Bless the meeting and with a pledge to the American flag that includes the words 'Under God'. In 1782, the United States Congress adopted the National Seal with its Latin motto "Annuit Coeptis" meaning "God has favored our undertakings" along with the eye of Providence in a triangle over a pyramid and the eye and the motto "allude to the many signal interpositions of Providence in favor of the American cause"; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC includes the words "we hereby highly resolve…this nation under God…shall not perish from the earth" and whereas the United States Supreme Court in 1892 ruled in a unanimous decision in the case, Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States, that "this is a Christian Nation"; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council affirms and supports the United States Congressional Bill (HRES) 888, 110th Congress, sponsored by Virginia Congressman James Forbes with South Carolina co-sponsors Congressmen Henry Brown, Bob Inglis, Gresham Barrett, and Joe Wilson, and 89 other United States Congressmen as co-sponsors, that affirms the rich spiritual and religious history of our Nation's founding and subsequent history. The Dorchester County Council also holds to the truth in the statement by Rabbi Daniel Lapin, America's Rabbi, "the destruction of religious freedom in the United States, especially our Judeo-Christian principles, is the goal of the liberals because to do so would destroy our freedoms. Once religion is removed from our Country, the State becomes the omnipresent and oppressive "God". This, and banning of civilian firearms, is the common tactic that communists and fascists have used throughout history to oppress the people and conquer other nations".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dorchester County Council wishes to express its support for Congressional Bill (HRES) 888, currently stalled in the US House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, with increasing support from elected officials and citizens to approve Bill 888 from the 110th Congress as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution by the Dorchester County Council, the original shall be presented to the Honorable Henry E. Brown, Jr. and the Honorable James Forbes in support of this important National legislation with copies to the Dorchester County Legislative Delegation, members of the South Carolina General Assembly and to the Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor of South Carolina.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2009.

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:

BY: Jamie Feltner
Jamie Feltner, Chairman

ATTEST: Sandy W. Lawley
Sandy W. Lawley, Clerk