



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

RESOLUTION No. 09-12

Government Spending Transparency

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has issued a "Transparency and Open Government" memorandum stating that government should be transparent, and that transparency promotes accountability and provides information for citizens about what their government is doing, and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom called government transparency "the backbone of sound government" and his office unveiled the state's first spending transparency website in March, 2009 with spending details for more than eighty agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General is expanding the transparency initiative to include local governments and working to encourage cities, towns, counties, school districts and special purpose districts to voluntarily post their expenditures on the Internet, and

WHEREAS Dorchester County Council believes that taxpayers should have the tools to hold local governments accountable for their spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dorchester County will post an accounts payable check register on the county website and all employee salaries of \$50,000 or more to ensure that Dorchester County taxpayers have knowledge of how their tax dollars are being spent.

Adopted this 4th day of May 2009.

Dorchester County Council

BY: Jamie Feltner
Jamie Feltner, Chairman

ATTEST: Sandy Lawley
Sandy Lawley, Clerk