

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA        )  
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER        )        RESOLUTION 08-19

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY TO PERMIT A PUBLIC INVOCATION**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly has adopted 2008 Act Number 241 known as the "South Carolina Public Invocation Act"; and

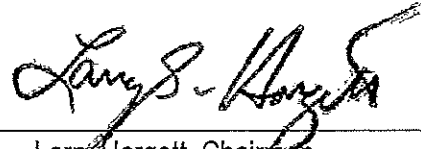
WHEREAS, Dorchester County Ordinance Number 97-05 pertaining to the Organization and Rules of Dorchester County Council provides in Section 2-3.1 that meetings shall be opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Public Invocation Act defines a public invocation as an invocation delivered in a method provided therein to open a public meeting of a deliberative public body; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Public Invocation Act provides that a deliberative public body such as the governing body of the County may adopt by Resolution a policy to permit a public invocation as defined in the Act before each meeting of the public body, for the benefit of the public body.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled, that it shall be the policy of Dorchester County Council to allow for an invocation to be offered on a voluntary basis, at the beginning of the public meeting of Dorchester County Council by one of the members of Dorchester County Council. The opportunity for the giving of the invocation shall be regularly and objectively rotated among all members of Dorchester County Council. The public invocation shall not be exploited to proselytize or advance any one or to disparage any other faith or belief.

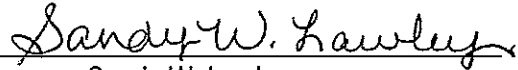
This Resolution is adopted this 6 day of October 2008.



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Larry Hargett, Chairman  
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST:



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Sandy W. Lawley  
Clerk of Council

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