RESOLUTION NO.21-

A Resolution Celebrating Independent Retailer Month

WHEREAS July is celebrated as Independent Retailer Month, a shop local event encouraging consumers to shop at independent retailers, and

WHEREAS the strength of the economy of Richland County depends on independent retailers and other small businesses, and

WHEREAS several independent retailers experienced decreased sales during the recent pandemic, including restaurants, taverns, lodging, movie theaters, and hair stylists, and

WHEREAS multiple studies have shown that money spent at independent retailers has an outsize impact on local economies, including more spending and jobs, and

WHEREAS small businesses provide sales and property tax revenue to fund local police protection, road maintenance, social safety net programs, and schools, and

WHEREAS the Greater Richland Area Chamber represents independent retailers in Richland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County Board expresses its appreciation to all independent retailers and small business owners in Richland County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board appreciates the contributions of all businesses, no matter their size, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board encourages residents and visitors to shop at independent retailers in July and throughout the year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Greater Richland Area Chamber, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION	RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE			
	RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE			
AYESNOES				
		FOR AGAINST		
RESOLUTION				
	SHAUN MURPHY-LOPEZ	X		
DEREK S. KALISH	CHAD COSGROVE	X		
COUNTY CLERK	KERRY SEVERSON	X		
	MELISSA LUCK	X		
DATED: JULY 20, 2021	DONALD SEEP	X		