

Commendation

By the Town of Hilton Head Island Honoring
Denise K. Spencer

WHEREAS, since 1994, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry has been leading the community in making positive, sustainable change; and

WHEREAS, through grant-making and leadership initiatives, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry helps foster academic achievement, build economic prosperity, achieve healthy ecosystems, encourage healthy people, support social enrichment, and create vibrant neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, with more than \$71 million invested in the Lowcountry area, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry is the largest source of unrestricted philanthropic resources dedicated to Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry has thrived under Denise K. Spencer's steady leadership since 2006; and

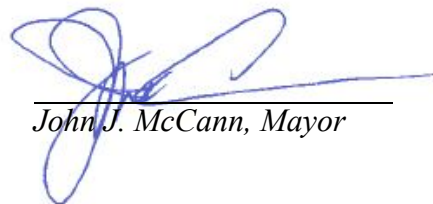
WHEREAS, under her guidance as President and CEO, Community Foundation assets have more than doubled during her tenure. Her philanthropic and community foundation expertise has made the Community Foundation a more professional organization that is recognized for its commitment to high standards and superior levels of donor service. She initiated programs that provide organizational development to nonprofits through small grants, training, and consulting services, particularly as it relates to board roles and responsibilities. She led Community Foundation of the Lowcountry through several significant hurricanes, never losing momentum nor focus, and provided extraordinary support to local nonprofit organizations that were direct responders to these community crises; and

WHEREAS, she recognized a large community need for sanitary sewer access for all residents on Hilton Head Island and partnered with the Town and the Public Service District, and created the Project SAFE Campaign with a goal of raising \$3 million to provide grants for needed citizens to connect to the new sewer system, and in recognition that Project SAFE has been received local and national awards for its unique public/private partnership; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation for her efforts to unwavering service and devotion to the Town of Hilton Head Island and the South Carolina Lowcountry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John J. McCann, Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**, on behalf of Town Council, and its residents, do hereby commend and honor **Denise K. Spencer** for her exemplary service to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and the Town of Hilton Head Island.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hilton Head Island to be affixed this **Ninth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.**



John J. McCann, Mayor