

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF PRESCRIBED FIRE BURNING IN GREENVILLE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, prescribed fire means a controlled fire applied to vegetative fuels in forests and grasslands under specified environmental conditions and precautions which causes the fire to be confined to a predetermined area; and

WHEREAS, this land management practice helps prevent and lessens the severity of large, catastrophic wildfires and reduces government expenditures needed to combat these natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire burning not only reduces accumulated fuels, it also helps maintain the ecological integrity of South Carolina woodlands, grasslands, and wildlife habitats: and

WHEREAS, many areas of South Carolina depend on prescribed fire to improve the wildlife habitat for game species such as white-tailed deer, wild turkey and bobwhite quail; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council recognizes the considerable benefits of prescribed fire and seeks to promote this practice as an economical way to keep residents safe from wildfires and to enhance the health of the County’s natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council supports the appropriate and continued use of prescribed fire in Greenville County and in South Carolina;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Greenville County Council supports the South Carolina Forestry Commission, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Clemson University, The Nature Conservancy, the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council and others as they strive to provide the educational and technical assistance to landowners in an effort to recognize the benefits listed above.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator