## City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina

## **A PROCLAMATION**

Recognizing the Career and Contributions of Fire Chief Ann Marie Graham and Thanking Her for Thirty-Five Years of Service to the City of Isle of Palms, Congratulating Her on Her Retirement and Wishing Her Well in This New Chapter of Her Life.

WHERAS, Chief Graham began her career with the City of Isle of Palms Fire Department on July 9, 1985 as a full-time firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Chief Graham was appointed as Fire Chief on May 24, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Chief Graham was the first career female Fire Chief in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Chief Graham has dedicated herself to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence as a member of the City of Isle of Palms Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Fire Chief, the department continued to pursue the most rigorous operational standards resulting in the achievement of an ISO rating of 1 which is the best possible rating and represents how well-protected a community is by their fire department;

WHEREAS, Chief Graham always strived to protect the health and safety of all personnel, putting their needs above her own; and

WHEREAS, Chief Graham's service and dedication to the City of Isle of Palms and its Fire Department have proven to be an invaluable asset to the City and its residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the citizens we serve, and in recognition of Chief Graham's exceptional service and thirty-five year career and commitment to public safety in protection and service to the residents and businesses of the City of Isle of Palms as a member of the Fire Department, do hereby congratulate Chief Ann Marie Graham on the occasion of her retirement, December 31, 2020. We wish the Fire Chief the very best in this new chapter of her life.

Done on this 8th day of December, 2020, in the City of Isle of Palms.

**Mayor Carroll**