

**RESOLUTION 2024-02**

**RESOLUTION HONORING BETSY SMILEY**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Betsy” Russell Smiley passed away peacefully on February 14, 2024, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s dementia; and City Council wants to reflect on her life and service to the Isle of Palms community; and

WHEREAS, Betsy had lived on the Isle of Palms since 1971; and

WHEREAS, Betsy served three terms as an elected Isle of Palms City Council member from 1978 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, during her time on City Council, Betsy was a tireless and outspoken advocate for the community, particularly during the recovery efforts following Hurricane Hugo; and

WHEREAS, Betsy lived a life devoted to service as she volunteered with East Cooper Meals on Wheels for over 20 years, delivering meals to homebound Isle of Palms and Sullivan’s Island residents; and

WHEREAS, her sense of humor, kindness, energy, compassion and graciousness has enriched those fortunate enough to know her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, this 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, that the Isle of Palms community honors the memory of Betsy Smiley, celebrates her legacy and remembers her service as a City Council member and as a volunteer for East Cooper Meals on Wheels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council extends its sincerest condolences to her husband Jim Smiley, and her son James Smiley and the rest of her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Isle of Palms community recognizes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Betsy Smiley over the course of her life.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

  
Phillip Pounds, Mayor

  
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk

