



**RESOLUTION
2023-02**

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA,
ENCOURAGING THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT
H.3620, "CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY HATE CRIME ACT"**

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, in 2019 hate crimes across the United States hit a 16 year high and less than half of hate crimes are reported to the police; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is one of only two states in the United States that does not have any laws on hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, H.3620 is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, H.3620 provides penalties for a person convicted of a crime with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten a person because of his race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to promote the safe and quiet enjoyment of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Isle of Palms, City Council desires to authorize the Mayor to express to the South Carolina General Assembly, the City of Isle of Palms' support for H.3620, "Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crime Act."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council of the City of Isle of Palms hereby authorizes the Mayor to express its support for H.3620, "Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crime Act."

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION,
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF THIS 28 DAY OF
October, 2023.**



Phillip Pounds, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk