

WHEREAS, the Second Annual **STEM** (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Festival will be held at Liberty Square, Charleston on Saturday, February 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Charleston **STEM** Festival is to increase public awareness, interest and understanding about **STEM** by offering more than 50 fun, family-friendly, hands-on activities and shows; and

WHEREAS, through the various activities and shows, the Charleston **STEM** Festival will increase engagement and anticipation in **STEM** learning opportunities among students and public, showcasing the diversity of **STEM** occupations and offering a direct connection to our vibrant community of **STEM** professionals; and

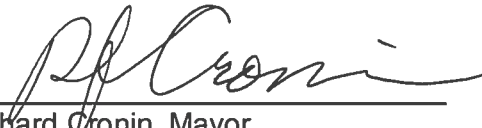
WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that **STEM** is essential for modern society. Every day, each of us benefit from **STEM** knowledge through the food we eat, the air we breathe and the water we drink. **STEM** powers our work, protects us from natural disasters, improves our health and entertains us; and

WHEREAS: the citizens of the Lowcountry will have the opportunity to celebrate **STEM**, much like we celebrate sports, food, art and music, integrated into our culture as a community tradition;

NOW THEREFORE, we, as Mayors of the Lowcountry, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2015 as

Charleston STEM Festival Day

in the Lowcountry and ask all citizens to join us in celebrating **STEM** and participating in the Charleston **STEM** Festival.



Richard Cronin, Mayor
City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina