



Proclamation 2022-04

A Proclamation for the Windjammer's 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Malcom and James Burgis opened The Windjammer on the Front Beach of Isle of Palms, South Carolina fifty years ago in 1972, at the site of the establishment formerly known as the Surf Deck that dated back to the 1940s;

WHEREAS, Bobby Ross made his way to The Windjammer in 1980 as a summer bartender before becoming manager in 1982 and then co-owner in 2006,

WHEREAS, the original Windjammer building was a ground level bar with a sand floor and well-used pinball machine and beach volleyball courts out back;

WHEREAS, the locals beach bar closed just before Hurricane Hugo destroyed much of the Isle of Palms on September 21, 1989 and reopened on June 21, 1990;

WHEREAS, residents and visitors of the Isle of Palms celebrated the return toward normalcy by attending opening night in great numbers;

WHEREAS, Malcom Burgis has given back to the Isle of Palms community through public service, including serving a term as Mayor and several terms on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, The Windjammer has built a reputation as a major music and performing arts venue for the entire Lowcountry where stars, such as Hootie and the Blowfish, are born and drawing new and returning visitors to the Isle of Palms,

WHEREAS, The Windjammer is a South Carolina icon that brings people together, from eclectic to island folks, to families and fun-seekers, athletes, music lovers, old and young to experience the Jammer experience;

SO THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, April 26, 2022, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, do thank the Windjammer for being a hallmark for the Isle of Palms, helping create memories for years to come, and creating a place where island families and visitors can experience our community's history and culture.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Pounds", is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor