

A PROCLAMATION FOR CAROL RICE

Service to the City of Isle of Palms

City Councilmember 2002-2009

Mayor Pro Tem 2008-2009

Mayor 2009

Ways and Means Committee 2002-2009

Recreation Committee 2002-2009

Recreation Chair 2007-2009

Real Property Committee 2008-2009

Real Property Chair 2008

WHEREAS, Carol Rice campaigned for election to Council on a platform of improving the Recreation Center, and she accomplished that goal when, on Saturday, March 1, 2003, the community voted in favor in a Referendum to expand the facilities. As a result, the City has a new 15,500 square foot wing on the "Rec" Center that accommodates Keenager meetings, acting classes and theatrical productions, a multitude of exercise classes and day care programs and features an attractive lobby that serves as registration and community gathering space;

WHEREAS, as an advocate for Recreation, Councilmember Rice championed the Department's getting the necessary amenities and equipment contributing to the IOP Recreation Department winning six (6) state-wide awards since her election for service beginning in 2002;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rice became a key member of the Ways and Means Committee and successfully advocated establishing a fund for future improvements to the Rec Center ball fields;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rice made the motion to award the contract for improvements to the Front Beach as the primary gateway for beach visitors and spearheaded the City's commissioning of its first piece of Public Art to be placed there;

WHEREAS, striking a balance is a skill that has been evidenced in Councilmember Rice's two (2) terms of service by her assimilation of differing factions to arrive at a common solution;

WHEREAS, in her eight (8) years of service, Councilmember Rice has balanced service to the City with full-time employment and being a wife to Seth and mother of daughters Annie and Jane;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rice advocated for and increased the City's participation in the greater arts and environmental community with advocacy for the Charleston Visitors Bureau, Spoleto Festival USA and the South Carolina Aquarium;

WHEREAS, as a member of the Real Property Committee, Councilmember Rice worked to replace the bulkhead at the marina and encouraged asset improvements on the part of the marina tenants;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rice serves as a successful role model for becoming involved and giving back to the community, which was demonstrated when the Girl Scouts of America presented her with an award in April 2009;

WHEREAS, known as the "heart of City Council," Carol Rice is always prepared for meetings having read materials, researched issues and secured answers to questions to debate issues;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, November 17, 2009, that Councilmember Carol Rice leaves the City better than it was when she started, having accomplished her goals. Council Member Rice not only served as a member of the policy-setting body, but also sought and became aware of the qualities, talents and purposefulness of the City's employees enabling an advanced understanding. The City of Isle of Palms is grateful for her service.



Dick Cronin, Mayor