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RESOLUTION NO.: R-2024-093

A Resolution to Express the City of Columbia's Support for the University of South Carolina Gamecock Football Team's Inclusion in the College Football Playoff

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is the proud home of the State of South Carolina's flagship university, the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina has shown a commitment to exceeding expectations and battling through adversity in all areas since its founding in 1801; and

WHEREAS, through teamwork, leadership, and determination, all qualities valued by the City of Columbia, University of South Carolina Gamecock Football had an incredible 2024 season. This was evidenced by its battling through an extremely difficult schedule, many wins against formidable opponents, and climbing the rankings week after week; and

WHEREAS, the standards espoused by the College Football Playoff selection committee include "conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents." Gamecock Football clearly excelled in all of these areas except conference championships, and they deserve recognition from the selection committee; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee's decision not to include the most exciting team in the country results in a clear loss of benefit to the City of Columbia; and

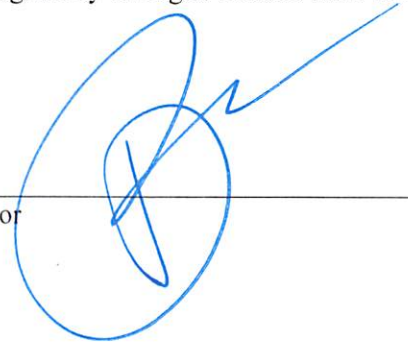
WHEREAS, the City of Columbia believes that Gamecock Football is a top 12 team and should be included in the College Football Playoff.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 17th day of December, 2024, as follows:

That this Council strongly disapproves of the College Football Playoff selection committee's decision to ignore the clear excellence of the 2024 Gamecock Football program by failing to include them in the 2024 College Football Playoff top 12. Forever to thee.

Requested by:

Mayor Daniel J. Rickenmann




Mayor

Approved by:



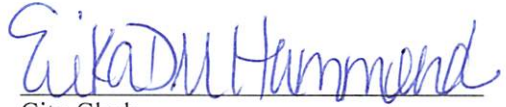
City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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