

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-033

Affirming Participation in and Recognition of Sunshine Week

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WHEREAS, a crucial element of a great democracy is citizen participation and citizen awareness of the public's business discussed by elected leaders. Trust is a critical element in this partnership; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes that municipal government leaders must uphold that trust by building a healthy, positive relationship with their residents and voting citizens; and,

WHEREAS, South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act is an important part of this partnership between governments and the people they serve because it provides a blueprint of expectations for citizens, the news media and government leaders; and,

WHEREAS, municipal leaders are the elected officials closest to the people they serve and have the most direct contact with the citizens who elect them; and,

WHEREAS, the council of the City of Columbia believes openness in government proceedings at all levels makes for the credibility and accountability our citizens expect and deserve; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia this 21st day of March, 2017, that the City of Columbia affirms its commitment to open government proceedings as outlined in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and is pleased to have participated in the partnership with the Municipal Association of SC and the S.C. Press Association in recognition of the week of March 12th as Sunshine Week, a national initiative to encourage dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

Requested by:

Councilmember Duvall



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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