STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) **RESOLUTION #680**
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

IN SUPPORT OF FAIR HOUSING

WHEREAS, let it be known by all persons residing in Lancaster County, S.C., that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lancaster County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children; and

WHEREAS, that within available resources, Lancaster County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the SC Human Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal and State Fair Housing Law and amendment and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and

WHEREAS, said program will at a minimum include: 1) printing and publicizing of the policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; and 2) distribution of posters, flyers and any other means that will bring to the attention of those affected the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lancaster County Council does hereby declare **April 2009** as **Fair Housing Month** and encourage all citizens to work together to ensure fair housing opportunities for citizens throughout Lancaster County.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of March, 2009, and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Fredrick Thomas, Chairman

Larry Honeycutt, Secretary

Approved as to form:

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J. Michael Ey, County Attorney

ATTEST:

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Irene Plyler, Clerk to Council