



### **A Resolution of Charleston County Council**

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was formed in 2015 with the mission of assisting in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to our criminal justice system and thereby improving public safety and community well-being; and,

WHEREAS, the Charleston County CJCC is a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court leadership, behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and community leaders who work collaboratively to improve the administration of justice and promotion of public safety through planning, research, education, and system-wide coordination of criminal justice initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council recognizes that in order to best meet the goal of protecting the safety of the citizens of the County, it is necessary that these various allied entities coordinate their efforts and work together to evaluate and identify evidence-based programs and services that will improve our justice systems; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the CJCC is to facilitate systemic changes in the County's entire justice system through a shared commitment and collaboration amongst agencies; while evaluating and promoting continuous improvements within the justice system; all the while, strengthening communication amongst justice agencies to eliminate redundant services and maximize available resources; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council believes that the CJCC should continue to work collaboratively to enhance services, strengthen public safety, maximize available resources, and recommend strategies that will reduce crime and increase the public's confidence in the entire criminal justice system in Charleston County; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council looks forward to receiving additional recommendations for consideration from the CJCC as to improvements that can be made to Charleston County's justice system; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council affirms its support of the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, as well as its goals, mission and operational function, to improve the overall criminal justice system in Charleston County.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TEP", is written over the printed name of the Chairman.

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman May 25, 2021