RESOLUTION NO 2018-08 RECOMMENDING A VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MAY 1, 2018 AIKEN COUNTY \$90 MILLION BOND REFERENDUM TO FUND FACILITY PROJECT NEEDS

WHEREAS, Aiken County voters will have the opportunity on May 1, 2018, to vote on a \$90 million bond referendum to fund facility projects at Hammond Hill Elementary School, Belvedere Elementary School, Midland Valley High School, Millbrook Elementary School, and to build a new elementary school and a new middle school adjacent to the Highland Springs development in North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, the Aiken County School District receives no funding from the state or federal government for the upkeep, maintenance and construction of schools; and

WHEREAS, the population growth in North Augusta has substantially exceeded projections, and schools are already at or near capacity; and

WHEREAS, the referendum projects are specific to schools in areas of the county where growth is continuing in North Augusta and surrounding communities served by schools at, or near, capacity; and

WHEREAS, quality education provided in K-12 schools is a huge economic driver; and

WHEREAS, the property tax increase to provide the facilities necessary to deliver the education and instructional benefits to North Augusta families will be minimal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the North Augusta City Council recommends a vote in favor of the referendum on May 1, 2018.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna B. Young, City Olerk