RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPTION 1-1 FOR THE NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM AS PRESENTED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AS A MITIGATION PROJECT FOR THE SAVANNAH PORT DEEPENING

WHEREAS, the City relies on the Savannah River for drinking water, recreation, and as a beloved amenity that contributes to the quality of life for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta has branded itself as "South Carolina's Riverfront" and recently, along with private developers, has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into developing said riverfront; and

WHEREAS, the City and its citizens have grown reliant and accustomed to the river pool created by the Lock and Dam since it went into service in 1937; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 WIIN Act states that any mitigation project selected by the Corps must "maintain the pool ... as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act"; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that pool elevation to be 114.5 (NAVD 1988) as measured at Downtown Augusta location (as recorded at USGS Monitoring Gage #02196670); and

WHEREAS, the preferred option 2-6d as selected and presented by the Corps would lower said pool by approximately 2.5 - 3 ft.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, after examining all options presented by the Corps, believes that option 1-1 is the only option that comes close to maintaining the existing pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that , $\frac{1}{2}$

- 1. Option 1-1 as presented by Corps is the preferred option of the City.
- 2. Any and all measures should be undertaken by the Mayor and City Administrator to ensure that the present pool be maintained.

Done, ratified and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, on this the 7^{th} day of January, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk