RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60 AUTHORIZING CREATION OF A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION KNOWN AS THE NORTH AUGUSTA BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta continues to expand and grow and so does the demand for attractive, quality public spaces and amenities – lush greenery, tree canopy preservation, public art, ornamental designs, public furniture and general community vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, City Administration and multiple City department leaders recognize the need to develop more effective public/private partnerships and alternative funding streams for open space beautification and public amenity provision; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of South Carolina and the country have established charitable beautification foundations as innovative approaches to resource development, hometown pride generation, and community relationship building; and

WHEREAS, beautification foundations serve as philanthropic partners to municipal parks, property maintenance and other departments by raising funds, collecting resources, and installing amenities in public spaces that benefit the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, charitable foundations provide the opportunity for individuals and businesses to provide tax-deductible support to their local municipalities, selecting specific programs or materials to support in accordance with the individual's or corporate giving philosophy; and

WHEREAS, such foundations operate under the leadership of a board of directors, with advisement from municipal and department leadership regarding department and community needs and requirements; and

WHEREAS, City Administration seeks to establish a local charitable foundation to supplement, not replace, tax dollars to enhance beautification efforts across the City.

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:

- 1. A new, charitable non-profit corporation shall be established called the North Augusta Beautification Foundation;
- 2. A board of directors shall be appointed to govern the Foundation, as appointed by City Council in a future resolution; and
- 3. The City Administrator or his designee is authorized to take the administrative steps necessary to begin the formal establishment of the non-profit corporation.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 1911 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jame Paul, City Clerk