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A Resolution

Whereas Daufuskie Island includes beaches that serve as nesting areas for the endangered Loggerhead Turtles as well as other sea turtles; and

Whereas, fires on a beach jeopardize those nests, and especially because turtle hatchlings can become disoriented and crawl towards the fire; and

Whereas, both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the SC Department of Natural Resources recommend that no fires be allowed on beaches during turtle nesting season; and

Whereas, recently there have been a number of fires set on Daufuskie beaches that have seriously threatened turtle nesting areas, causing grave concern by the Daufuskie Island Turtle Team and other island residents, and

Whereas, several communities within Beaufort County have restricted fires on their beaches; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Daufuskie Island Council respectfully requests that the Beaufort County Council adopt an ordinance that outlaws the practice of building fires on any Daufuskie beach between May 1st and October 31st.

Approved this day of August 6, 2018

