**Sample Proclamation for cities and towns to adopt the Municipal Association 2023 Advocacy Initiatives**

WHEREAS, cities and towns in South Carolina are the government closest to the people providing the core services residents and businesses demand for an exceptional quality of life;

WHEREAS, local decisions affecting residents and local businesses should be made by local leaders;

WHEREAS, cities and towns seek to make numerous small changes in current state law to support new and existing local industry and businesses, changes in public health and safety, and continuity of service delivery;

WHEREAS, cities and towns seek to support legislation that adds more tools to the toolbox for local governments to expand and create programs to help residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Town/City of **[insert name]** fully supports the 2023 advocacy initiatives set forth by the Municipal Association of SC board of directors for city and town councils to govern effectively and efficiently;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town/City of **[insert name]** affirms on this day, **[insert date]**, 2023, its support for the Municipal Association’s 2023 advocacy initiatives for the benefit of all of South Carolina’s 271 cities and towns.

Done and ratified this **[insert date]**, **[insert year]**.