

**CITY OF HARDEEVILLE COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, South Carolina and the City of Hardeeville thrives upon Economic Development for the betterment of its communities, businesses, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance was formed in 1996 as a critical connector linking industry and governmental leaders at the state, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele joined the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance as Director of Operations in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele has worked with the region's county developers to bring economic development projects at all stages to fruition and has worked directly with community leaders, economic development commissions, county, and city councils; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele, prior to joining SCA served as Director of Economic Development for Hampton County from 2009-2015 as well as the Workforce Development Director for the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Area from 1999-2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele is a former member of the Colleton County Development Board and was named the 2007 Administrator of the Year by the SC International Association of Workforce Professionals and was honored as the 1997 SC Ambassador for Economic Development for Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the SC Economic Developers School at the College of Charleston; earned her degree from the University of South Carolina and is a SC Certified Economic Developer, and has been an active member of the SC Economic Development Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele has played an essential role in the recruitment of businesses in the City of Hardeeville, including but not limited to assisting City officials in attracting companies to the Hardeeville Commerce Park; she diligently worked with Stratford Land, owner of RiverPort, to attract Waste Management; and has worked with North Signal Capital to attract Home Depot, Style Access, Seawest Logistics, TAYLORED Services, RBW, JONATHAN Y and TWUSA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandy Steele has also worked tirelessly to attract prospects to the Sherwood Plantation site.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED by the Hardeeville City Council that the City of Hardeeville recognizes Ms. Sandy Steele for her career achievements and contributions to the economic development of the City and furthermore, be it proclaimed that Thursday, June 16, 2022 be forever known as "Sandy Steele Day" in the City of Hardeeville.

Proclaimed this 16th day of June 2022

Harry Williams, Mayor