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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-29

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Recognize and Honor the late Miss Emma Mackenzie Lake by Naming the Intersection of Highway 15 and Pleasant Grove Road in Colleton County, South Carolina, “Emma Mackenzie Lake Intersection” and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Intersection Containing the Designation]

WHEREAS, Miss Emma M. Lake known to close family and friends as "Empyschwoop", the daughter of Tamara Michelle Crosby and Brantley Allan Lake and was born on the 9th day of July in 2015, in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Miss Emma M. Lake was a member of Great Swamp Baptist Church, where she was baptized in 2023. Emma was born with farm life in her blood, and loved every aspect of living on the farm especially her goats; and

WHEREAS, Miss Emma M. Lake loved showing her goats at goat shows with her best friend Miss Lacy Wiggins; they loved winning those first prize ribbons. Miss Lacy Wiggins was a great part of the Lake family, it was often that you would not find one without the other. Emma brought immeasurable joy, laughter, and light into the lives of all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 2024 on her way home from a goat show, Miss Emma M. Lake was killed by a drunk driver at the intersection of Highway 15 and Pleasant Grove Road. Emma's passing was a devastating loss to many, her bright smile, kind heart, curious spirit touched everyone around her, her giggles could fill a room with happiness; and

WHEREAS, This dedication is not only a way to honor Miss Emma Mackenzie Lake's legacy but also a reminder of the serious consequences of drinking and driving. By designating the intersection of Highway 15 and Pleasant Grove Road in her name, we can raise awareness about DUI laws and the impact of reckless decisions on families and communities; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to a precious daughter by naming the intersection of Highway 15 and Pleasant Grove Road "Emma Mackenzie Lake Intersection" in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Colleton County Council, duly assembled that County Council hereby recognizes and honors the late Miss Emma Mackenzie Lake by naming the intersection of Highway 15 and Pleasant Grove Road in Colleton County, South Carolina, "Emma

Mackenzie Lake Intersection” and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Intersection Containing the Designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation and the family of Miss Emma Mackenzie Lake.

ATTEST:


Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

SIGNED:


Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**
OPPOSED: