

A PROCLAMATION FOR THE ISLE OF PALMS POST OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Post Office opened on August 15, 1913 and has served the Isle of Palms community for ninety-seven (97) years;

WHEREAS, the first Isle of Palms Post Office was located in Hudson's Pavilion and the second Post Office was located on the ocean front;

WHEREAS, Postmasters and Officials of the Isle of Palms Post Offices have included August Janssen Jr., Morris N. Partridge, Catherine L. Benke, Ruth Hill Klump, Louise W. Sottile, Barbara G. Bean, Dorothy Jean Humbert-Moon, Robert L. Bryant, Angela T. Garris, Danny Marchant, Gene Blanchard, Lazette E. Williams, Mary Gibbs, Queen V. Wilson, Patricia G. Mizzel, and Lori B. Gates;

WHEREAS, when Hurricane Hugo struck on September 21, 1989, the island Post Office was damaged. However, the Isle of Palms Post Office made alternate arrangements to allow for mail service, knowing that communication was essential for island citizens in the aftermath of the crisis;

WHEREAS, the current Postmaster, Lori B. Gates, and her staff of twelve (12) employees have over one hundred eighty-five (185) years of experience as postal professionals and maintain a great attitude in giving island residents the best of service within the scope of postal regulations;

WHEREAS, employees at the Isle of Palms Post Office have been recognized by the Greater South Carolina District of the U.S. Postal Service for providing excellent customer service and have received National Safety Council Safe Driving Awards;

WHEREAS, Isle of Palms Postal employees deliver over three million six hundred thirty-nine thousand seven hundred (3,639,700) pieces of mail in a calendar year to three thousand eight hundred ninety-five residences (3,895) and to nine hundred thirty-six (936) Post Office boxes;

WHEREAS, Isle of Palms Postal employees contribute annually to the Combined Federal Campaign and gather food for the Lowcountry Food Bank in the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, November 16, 2010, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, do thank the Isle of Palms Post Office and its employees for the service they provide to the island. The Post Office is an iconic building on the island, a place for neighbors to chat with neighbors. The Post Office keeps us connected to the greater world while preserving and servicing the unique quality of the island community.



Dick Cronin, Mayor

