

# County of Clarendon

## Resolution 2014-06

### IN RECOGNITION OF OLIVIA MCCONNELL

WHEREAS, Olivia McConnell is a rising 4th grade student at The Carolina Academy in Lake City; and

WHEREAS, Olivia and her brother Barnwell are the children of Joe and Amanda McConnell; and

WHEREAS, Olivia is a very active 9 year old; and

WHEREAS, Olivia plays the piano, ukulele, takes gymnastics and plays volleyball and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Olivia's biggest passion is raising money for the March of Dimes through her "Liv's Lemonade Stand". She has raised over \$20,000 and she believes that all babies born deserve a chance at a healthy start; and

WHEREAS, Olivia wants to be a Egyptologist and discover ancient tombs and artifacts that help others understand the ancient culture and history; and

WHEREAS, Olivia being the inquisitive young lady that she is, lead her to the discovery that South Carolina has no official state fossil even though one of the first fossils found in North America was dug up in South Carolina and it was from an ancient kind of woolly mammoth; and

WHEREAS, Olivia took it upon herself to write a letter to Governor Nikki Haley and other state lawmakers to lay out her case, in which, she wants the fossil of the woolly mammoth to be the official state fossil; and

WHEREAS, Because of the Initiative of 8-Year-Old Olivia McConnell, Governor Nikki Haley signed House Bill 4482 into law on May 16, 2014, which names the Columbian Mammoth as the Official State Fossil of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Clarendon County Council does hereby recognize and commend Miss Olivia McConnell for her initiative and dedication in achieving the signing of House Bill 4482 into law on May 16, 2014, which names the Columbian Mammoth as the Official State Fossil of South Carolina.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of August 2014.

  
Chairman of County Council



  
Benton Blakely, Councilman