

## PROCLAMATION

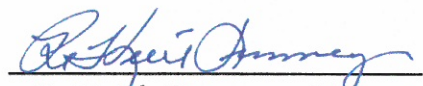
- WHEREAS, the federal investment tax credit for solar power, contained in Sections 48 and 25D of Title 26 of the United States Code, is set to decrease from 30 percent to 10 percent for commercial consumers and from 30 percent to 0 percent for residential consumers after December 31, 2016; and
- WHEREAS, since the solar Investment Tax Credit was passed in 2006, more than \$66 billion has been invested in solar installations nationwide; and
- WHEREAS, accelerated development and use of solar energy technologies provides numerous benefits, including improved national security, healthier rural economies, improved air and environmental quality, and abundant, reliable, and affordable energy; and
- WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina recently passed Act 236, the Distributed Energy Resource Program without dissent, which is expected to result in the addition of approximately 200 MW of distributed resources creating investments of approximately \$500 million; and
- WHEREAS, The solar industry is one of the nation's fastest growing job creators, employing over 174,000 people nationwide with solar installers comprising the majority of those jobs with 97,000 workers; and
- WHEREAS, long-term supportive policies at the local, state, and federal levels have brought about significant cost reductions within the solar industry, while public policies aimed at enhancing solar energy production and accelerating technological improvements will further reduce energy costs over time and increase market demand; and
- WHEREAS, increased use of solar energy is practical and can be cost effective with the help of consistent, long-term supportive policies and proper incentives to stimulate markets and infrastructure, such as the Investment Tax Credit.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, R. Keith Summey, Mayor of North Charleston, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2015 as

### A DAY TO SUPPORT SOLAR

in North Charleston and urge Congress of the United States take immediate action to extend the federal investment tax credit in Sections 48 and 25D of Title 26 of the United States Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of North Charleston, in the Counties of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester and the State of South Carolina, to be affixed hereto this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

  
R. Keith Summey, Mayor  
City of North Charleston

