

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

RESOLUTION 2023-5

CITY OF WALHALLA)

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARTHA WRIGHT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, February is designated as Black History Month and Black history has an important place in Walhalla's history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martha Wright was born and raised in Walhalla, graduating in 1962 from Blue Ridge High School, then moving to Tennessee for college; and

WHEREAS, after college, Ms. Wright worked as a communications trainer, retired, and moved back to Walhalla in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright found plenty of time on her hands and desired to do more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright went to work for Oconee County staying 14 years mapping and assigning many E-911 addresses, managing rights of ways, and issuing building permits; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright retired once again, however, only to keep working for another 5 years for Voter Registration, spending many hours registering voters and staffing elections, helping people vote at Shaver Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Ms. Wright successfully ran and was elected to Walhalla City Council for a 2-year term garnering the second highest number of votes; and

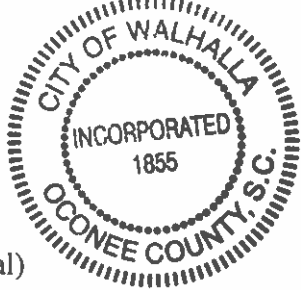
WHEREAS, Ms. Wright was the first and only black person elected to Council in Walhalla; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright, as city councilwoman, served on Keep Oconee Beautiful, American Red Cross Disaster Team, and building/zoning, public works and public utilities city council committees; and

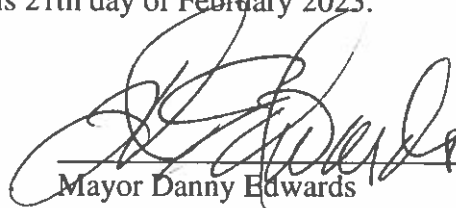
WHEREAS, Today, Ms. Wright still serves in numerous capacities with Double Springs Baptist Church, Seneca River Baptist Association, treasurer for Blue Ridge High School Reunion Committee, and serves on the Blue Ridge Community Center board.

NOW, THEREFORE, Walhalla City Council resolves to recognize Walhalla's Black History and Ms. Martha Wright as an exemplary public servant and sincerely thanks her for her contributions to make our county and the City of Walhalla a better place.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 21th day of February 2023.



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Mayor Danny Edwards

Attest:



Timothy B. Burton, City Administrator