



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize significant events in the history of our community through public awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the least known events in Beaufort's history is the founding of Stuart Town in November 1684 at Spanish Point within the current corporate boundaries of the City of Beaufort; and

**WHEREAS**, this colony, consisting primarily of Scottish Covenanters (Presbyterians) led by Lord Cardross (Henry Erskine) and William Dunlop, lay in the disputed frontier between rival claimants, the English in Charleston, and the Spanish in Florida, and occupied by several feuding Indian nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the colony, having incurred the wrath of the Spanish, only survived until August 1686 when it was burned to the ground and its settlers scattered by a combined Spanish and Indian assault; and


**WHEREAS**, Stuart Town is historically significant as one of the earliest attempts to settle a primarily Scottish colony in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it was the first planned European community in what is now Beaufort County, predating the founding of Beaufort in 1711 by twenty-seven (27) years; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, recognizes November 2021 as the 337<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Stuart Town and hereby proclaims Stuart Town as "**AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN SCOTTISH COLONY.**"

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.



  
STEPHEN D. MURRAY III, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
TRACI GULDNER, CITY CLERK