



*Resolution honoring and remembering Councilman James "Jim" DeWitt*

**Whereas,** Councilman James Benjamin Dewitt II, fondly known as Jim, born on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1970 to James Benjamin DeWitt I and Etta Spain DeWitt, learned to love Atlantic Beach early in life by spending every summer in our oceanfront community; and

**Whereas,** Councilman DeWitt learned many of his life's lessons on Atlantic Beach, enjoying the ocean and watching his parents build, manage and run the historic Dewitt Hotel where he worked to grow and maintain in the Atlantic Beach community ; and

**Whereas,** in 1994 Councilman DeWitt founded Legend Security and Sound, Incorporated, an African American owned and operated electronics and security business, serving clients across the State of South Carolina, including Atlantic Beach, with compassion and love; and

**Whereas,** Councilman DeWitt was passionate about giving back to Atlantic Beach, supporting the Atlantic Beach Historical Committee and successfully reconvening the Association of Atlantic Beach Property Owners, he was most honored to have been elected to represent his community as a member of the Town Council of Atlantic Beach in 2021; and

**Whereas** Councilman DeWitt proudly reminded each of us that Atlantic Beach is the only African American owned and governed beach community which has remained with African Americans since its inception, and he was passionately committed to preserving its history and culture; and

**Whereas,** Councilman DeWitt always finished his conversations with Atlantic Beach citizens and friends with, "It's always a great day in Atlantic Beach"; and

**Whereas,** on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Councilman DeWitt was quietly called to eternal rest; and

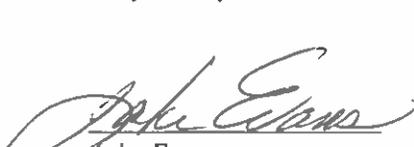
**Whereas,** his vigorous life stands as a memorable symbol of devoted and broad-visioned service to the Atlantic Beach community; and therefore, be it

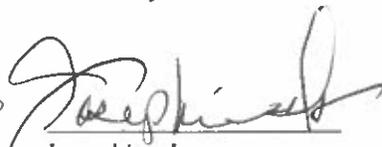
**Resolved that,** the Town of Atlantic Beach residents will always remember the true heart and commitment of our friend and neighbor, Councilman Jim DeWitt, and we will work to continue his legacy; and be it further

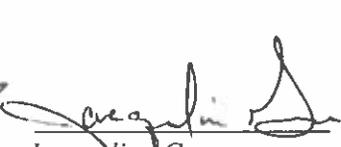
**Resolved that,** Councilman DeWitt's council seat will be draped in his honor; and be it finally

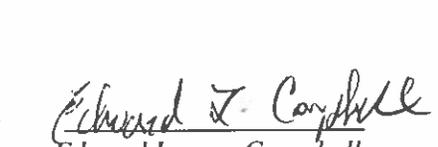
**Resolved that,** the Town of Atlantic Beach extends its sincere condolences and love to Mr. "JB" Dewitt, Mrs. Etta DeWitt, the entire loving Dewitt, Bellamy and Stevens families, and friends who grieve with them. We pray that the calming peace of Christ will fall freshly upon all of us; His loving grace will enfold us; His power will sustain us; and that His love will gently surround us until the day when we all are linked to eternal life.

Prayerfully submitted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
Jake Evans  
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