

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



## IN MEMORY OF ANNE B. BECKHAM

WHEREAS, The Myrtle Beach community honors the late Anne B. Beckham, born October 6, 1928, as a champion of the city's beautification effort and arts community, especially on Broadway Street; and

WHEREAS, Anne Beckham met the late Frank M. Beckham while attending the University of South Carolina, and together they moved to Myrtle Beach in 1949, where Frank Beckham became the city's director of recreation and both were actively involved in the local community; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Anne and her son, Thomas Beckham, opened Cane Island Decoys and Wildlife Gallery at 816 Broadway Street, the first of many civic-minded projects that Anne undertook; and

WHEREAS, At Anne Beckham's urging, the City of Myrtle Beach created a revitalization committee for Broadway Street, leading to sidewalk improvements, renovated storefronts, landscaped medians, new crosswalks, better streetlights and more businesses; and

WHEREAS, Anne Beckham and Mayor Robert Grissom celebrated the resulting pedestrian-friendly streetscape with a ribbon-cutting on May 26, 1994, officially opening Broadway Street to the public; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Anne's efforts, Broadway Street became an unofficial arts district, with more than 10 related businesses and a weekly "Art Walk" among the galleries, with guest artists and refreshments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, That the City of Myrtle Beach hereby celebrates the life and legacy of Anne B. Beckham, one of our earliest downtown visionaries, whose ideas and efforts contributed to a thriving arts district along Broadway Street for much of the 1990s.



*Signed and sealed this 23rd day of August 2022.*

*Brenda Bethune*

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

*Jennifer Adkins*

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK