WHEREAS, the College of Charleston Board of Trustees has periodically reviewed and updated the College of Charleston Mission Statement, most recently in 2006; and

WHEREAS, a review has recently been completed by the College’s executive leadership of the College of Charleston Mission Statement and the relationship of the Mission Statement to the College’s role in meeting the changing educational needs of the Charleston region and the Lowcountry; and

WHEREAS, many civic, business, and political leaders in the Charleston region have concluded that expanded graduate and professional degree offerings, including a limited number of targeted doctoral programs, must be offered in order to meet the economic development needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the University of Charleston, South Carolina, was established as a component of the College of Charleston in 1992 and, since that time, has housed the graduate and research programs for which the Board of Trustees is responsible; and

WHEREAS, for over 20 years the College of Charleston Board of Trustees has repeatedly affirmed its intent to seek doctoral-granting authority for the University of Charleston, South Carolina, consistent with the needs of the Charleston region and the Lowcountry; and

WHEREAS, the current mission statement for the College of Charleston does not recognize the special role and identity of the University of Charleston, South Carolina, as a component of the College of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, the current mission statement of the College of Charleston designates the College as a comprehensive institution, which, consistent with the relevant statutory language, cannot offer doctoral degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the College of Charleston and its component, the University of Charleston, South Carolina, as a research institution will allow the College of Charleston to meet the present and future economic development needs of the Charleston region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is forever committed to preserving the name and identity of the College of Charleston as a preeminent undergraduate liberal-arts institution;

NOW THEREFORE, be it --

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves a revised Mission Statement for the College of Charleston, as attached to the Board of Trustees Minutes for this date, which designates the College
as a research institution and recognizes the University of Charleston, South Carolina, as the graduate and research component of the College; and

RESOLVED, that the undergraduate name and mission of the College of Charleston are not altered by these most recent revisions to the Mission Statement; and

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the administration of the College of Charleston to seek the timely approval of this Mission Statement by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

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