

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
OCONEE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2009-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT TO DONATE PROPERLY CLEARED  
COMPUTERS TO THE LIONS CLUB THROUGH A LOCAL  
AFFILIATE CHAPTER**

**WHEREAS**, electronic equipment discards are an increasing problem, nationwide and in South Carolina, with South Carolinians disposing of more than 56,000 tons of electronics waste in 2005 with only 728 tons of the reported waste tonnage being recycled; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolinians dispose of 1,955 personal computers each day; and

**WHEREAS**, electronics waste comprises 1.2 percent of the municipal solid waste stream and takes up valuable landfill space; and

**WHEREAS**, electronics waste is one of the largest known sources of heavy metals and organic pollutants in the waste stream, and often contains hazardous or toxic materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, brominated flame retardants, and other materials that can pose hazards to human health and the environment when handled improperly; and

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County recognizes the importance and value of recycling and reusing computers in an environmentally friendly manner, wherever possible and cost-efficient, as being in the best interests of Oconee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lions Club (a recognized 501(c)(3) organization) has a program whereby donated computers are refurbished and distributed to third and fourth grade students in Oconee County who do not own a home computer, thereby aiding in the education effort for Oconee County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oconee County Information Technology (IT) Department has the ability to properly clear computer hard drives and verify that all recoverable data has been permanently removed from the computer ; and

**WHEREAS**, donating used and properly cleared computer equipment, that cannot be reused by the County or sold for value and therefore has no remaining economic value to the County, to the Lions Club poses no risk to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, donating such used computers to the Lions Club for redistribution in the local community constitutes a public use, in support of a public purpose by further supporting educational outreach in the community through a non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, donation of used computers will require no additional costs or measures on the part of the County, and does not represent any loss to the County, but in fact will save money as valuable landfill space will not be used, and will contribute positive value to the community through educational reuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved by Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, on behalf of all Oconee citizens, that:

1. The foregoing preamble is hereby adopted in its entirety by Oconee County Council as findings of fact, supporting this resolution.
2. County Council recognizes the value of electronics recycling by all Oconee County citizens, and by County government. Oconee County Council hereby finds that by recycling end-of-life computers which have no further economic value to Oconee County, such as through the Lions Club educational redistribution program, the County will save valuable landfill space and make an environmentally conscious and beneficial choice. At the same time, County Council, by partnering with a local chapter of the Lions Club, can help Oconee County students obtain computer technology that might normally be beyond their means, thereby furthering the educational goals of Oconee County. All of these goals and uses constitute public use for a public purpose.
3. County Council hereby authorizes the Oconee County Information Technology (IT) Department to donate such end-of-life discarded computers to a local chapter of the Lions Club for redistribution to Oconee County students for educational purposes, after all information has been completely and permanently cleared from the hard drive.
4. Should any portion of this Resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination should not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this Resolution, all of which are hereby deemed separable.
5. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed and rescinded.

**THIS RESOLUTION WILL TAKE EFFECT** immediately upon enactment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reginald, T. Dexter, Chairman of County Council,  
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to County Council  
Oconee County, South Carolina