RESOLUTION AGREEMENT University of South Carolina Beaufort OCR Complaint No. 11-17-2249

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (the University) agrees to fully implement this Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Complaint No. 11-17-2249. This Agreement does not constitute an admission by the University of a violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), or any other law enforced by OCR.

1. By September 28, 2018, the University will modify Policy DS 6.00 to remove any requirement that students provide information about their disability, register with the Disability Services Offices, attend an orientation, or provide documentation about the service animal.

<u>Reporting Requirement:</u> The University will submit a modified policy for OCR approval by September 7, 2018. OCR will provide feedback on the revised policy by September 17, 2018.

2. By October 8, 2018, the University will upload the modified service animal policy to its website and inform University students of the modified service animal policy via email. The University will also contact all students who used or applied to use service animals since August of 2017. The communication will inform these students that, in connection with an OCR investigation, the University agreed to implement a new service animal policy; and the communication will describe the modified service animal policy.

Reporting Requirement: By October 29, 2018, the University will provide OCR:

- a. a link to the posted modified service animal policy,
- b. a copy of the email notice of the modified service animal policy submitted to University students and proof of the email dissemination,
- c. a list of students who were approved to utilize service animals on the University campus from August 2017 to October of 2018,
- d. a list of students who applied, but were not approved, to utilize service animals on the University campus from August of 2017 to October of 2018, and
- e. a copy of the communication with students who utilized or applied to utilize service animals since August of 2017, and proof of dissemination.

The University understands that by signing this Agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in a timely manner in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Agreement. Further, the University understands that during the monitoring of this Agreement, if necessary, OCR may visit the University, interview staff and students, and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the University has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement. Upon the University's satisfaction of the commitments made under this Agreement, OCR will close this case.

The University understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate administrative enforcement or judicial proceedings to enforce the specific terms and obligations of this Agreement. Before initiating administrative enforcement (34 C.F.R. §§ 100.9, 100.10), or judicial proceedings to enforce this Agreement, OCR will give the University written notice of the alleged breach and sixty (60) calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

By:

Date: September 5, 2018

Al M. Panu, Ph.D., Chancellor