

Town of Kiawah Island

Save Kiawah Bobcats Week

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Kiawah is world renowned for its bobcat population, which historically was one of the healthiest, densest bobcat populations in the country. Bobcats on Kiawah Island have been tracked annually using GPS collars since 2007 and this study is the longest continuous study on bobcats in the world.; and

WHEREAS, bobcats play a vital role in the Kiawah Island ecosystem by helping to control the island's deer and rodent populations.; and

WHEREAS, Kiawah's bobcat population has declined from 30-35 to less than 10 in the last 3 years.; and

WHEREAS, three adult bobcats have died directly from the lethal effects of anticoagulant rodenticides in the last 14 months; and

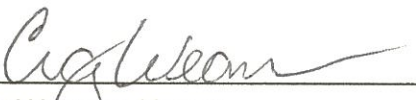
WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island wishes to protect Kiawah's remaining bobcats by eliminating the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on Kiawah Island and encouraging the use of non-toxic rodent control methods or non-anticoagulant rodenticides to protect the wildlife and other natural resources of Kiawah Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island wishes to encourage residents, businesses and pest control companies to take the Bobcat Guardian pledge to stop the use of anticoagulant rodenticides at www.savekiawahbobcats.com.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Weaver, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Kiawah Island, do hereby proclaim October 11 to October 17, 2020 as:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of October 2020, in the Town Kiawah Island, South Carolina.



Craig Weaver, Mayor
Town of Kiawah Island