

Town of Kiawah Island

RESOLUTION 2020-04

WHEREAS, wildlife, including, but not limited to, bobcats, foxes, owls, hawks, and snakes, are an irreplaceable part of the Kiawah Island ecosystem and play an important role in regulating and controlling populations of rodents throughout the island improving public health and welfare.; and

WHEREAS, first- and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides are toxic bait products distributed and used to control rodents by individuals and businesses on commercial and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, pets and wildlife of the Town of Kiawah can become sick or die from ingesting anticoagulant rodenticides directly or due to secondary poisoning after consuming poisoned rodents; and

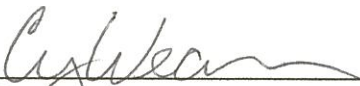
WHEREAS, three adult bobcats have died directly from the lethal effects of anticoagulant rodenticides in the last 14 months; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to eliminate the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on Kiawah Island and to encourage the use of non-toxic rodent control methods or non-anticoagulant rodenticides to protect the wildlife and other natural resources of Kiawah Island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kiawah Island believes that anticoagulant rodenticides are having significant negative effects on the Kiawah ecosystem, strongly discourages their use, adopts Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the best pest management practice for the island and requests that residents, businesses and pest control companies take the Bobcat Guardian pledge at www.savekiawahbobcats.com

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.



Craig Weaver, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk