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South Carolina Joint Council of Fire Service Associations
To
Adopt the 2009 International Residential Code without Modification and Support
National Fire Protection Standards on Fire Sprinkler Requirements

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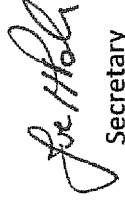
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