RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR THE DISTILLER'S HOUSE ROOF RESTORATION AT HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK

WHEREAS, the Distiller's House, constructed in 1803, is one of only three surviving early masonry structures in Historic Bethabara Park and represents more than 250 years of Moravian history and early 19th-century architecture in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Distiller's House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Bethabara Historic District, which is designated as a National Historic Landmark, and is also recognized as a local historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the roof of the Distiller's House is in poor condition, no longer airtight or watertight, and its deterioration contributed to the collapse of the kitchen ceiling in 2020, which, although repaired, remains vulnerable due to the failing roof; and

WHEREAS, a 2022 Historic Structures Report identified the roof's advanced decay and recommended full replacement as soon as possible to prevent further structural damage; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the roof replacement is estimated at \$73,600 and will be supported by a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant in the amount of \$13,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Distiller's House roof is essential to preserving one of the community's earliest surviving buildings and ensuring the continued protection of this nationally significant historic resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, do hereby accept the Certified Local Government Grant and authorize the City Manager to execute any pertinent documentation necessary to implement this process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget Ordinance be amended to appropriate the grant funding for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.