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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ‘8 CAN’T WAIT’ NATIONAL INITIAIVE TO  
SUPPORT POLICE POLICY REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem strongly condemns the killing of Mr. George Floyd on May, 29, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota by a police officer while three other officers stood by without intervening to save his life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council along with the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) is constantly identifying trends and best law enforcement practices in our city and state as well as nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, this information is welcomed and analyzed so that we may best serve our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem Police Department's (WSPD) policies and procedures are an essential part of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, together, policies and procedures provide a road map for day-to-day operations, ensure compliance with laws and regulations, give guidance for decision-making, and ensure consistency in the way we keep our community safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected leadership of this City has created an environment to support WSPD staff in building community partnerships and taking bold steps to implement policies to foster trust leading to some of the ‘8 Can’t Wait’ policy recommendations already in place.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon recommendation of the Public Safety Committee request the City Manager to review all Policies of the Winston-Salem Police department to ensure alignment with the practices recommended by the national “8 Can’t Wait” initiative and to take the necessary steps to implement any needed policy changes in accordance with State and Federal laws.