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**RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONTINUATION OF A TEMPORARY COVID-19
SHELTER FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
MEDICALLY FRAGILE, AND FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$188,500 PER MONTH
TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, issued guidelines to mitigate spread of the virus, including social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that medically vulnerable persons, or those with underlying health conditions, are isolated and physically removed from congregate settings to minimize risk of exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, congregate shelters in Winston-Salem serving the needs of persons experiencing homelessness have identified the existence of medically vulnerable persons within their shelter populations, as well as medically vulnerable persons who are unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020 the City established a temporary shelter to isolate and support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness to mitigate their risk of contracting the virus for a period of 90 days; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated public health need to continue operation of the temporary shelter beyond the initial 90 days, to isolate and support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness and mitigate their risk of contracting the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Bethesda Center for the Homeless and City with Dwellings have agreed to continue operating the temporary COVID-19 shelter to support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have agreements with Bethesda Center for the Homeless, in its own capacity and on behalf of City with Dwellings, to operate the shelter, as well as extension agreements between the City and other vendors providing infrastructure support to the shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, hereby ratify the action that the Mayor and City Council informally approved on August 20, 2020, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements, not to exceed \$188,500 per month for continued operation of and infrastructure support for a temporary shelter for the medically fragile as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.