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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR AN ASSISTANCE TO
FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Fire Department seeks authorization to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase updated portable radios; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has 85 portable radios that are not capable of the upgrade necessary to transmit and receive on the City/County Public Safety Radio System after it is upgraded as part of the 2018 Bond Projects; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to upgrade is \$773,698.60, and there is a 2020 AFG requirement of a 10% match for municipalities the size of Winston-Salem. This request is for authorization to apply for an AFG by February 12, 2021, with a local match requirement in the amount of \$77,369.86. The matching funds will come from the Public Safety portion of the 2018 General Obligation Bonds Issuance; and

WHEREAS, funds will be awarded and made available after fall of this year. If the Fire Department receives the award, a budget amendment will be brought to City Council for approval at that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Public Safety Committees, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters' Grant with a local match not to exceed \$80,000, and execute agreements and documents necessary to implement the grant.