

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024
UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR EAST WINSTON
URBAN RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION AND MARS HILL BAPTIST
CHURCH NATIONAL REGISTER UPDATE**

WHEREAS, East Winston has long been a center of African American life and culture in Winston-Salem, home to thriving neighborhoods that sustained generations of residents; and

WHEREAS, planning for the East Winston General Neighborhood Renewal Plan (East Winston GNRP) began in 1957 for an area roughly bounded by 14th Street to the north, Liberty Street to the west, U.S. Highway 421 to the south, and Cameron Avenue to the east; and

WHEREAS, the East Winston GNRP brought extensive demolition and redevelopment that transformed the neighborhood's physical and social fabric, replacing homes, churches, and businesses with highways, public facilities, and new construction; and

WHEREAS, Mars Hill Baptist Church, located within the East Winston GNRP area, has served as a spiritual and social anchor for the Black community since 1944, continuing to play a vital role through the urban renewal period and civil rights era; and

WHEREAS, the East Winston Urban Renewal Documentation and Mars Hill Baptist Church National Register Update project will document 739 buildings within the East Winston GNRP boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the project will also produce a historical report on the impact of urban renewal in Winston-Salem between 1950 and 1977 and amend the National Register nomination for Mars Hill Baptist Church to extend its period of significance through 1977; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has awarded the City of Winston-Salem a Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Underrepresented Communities Grant in the amount of \$75,000 to complete this important work documenting the city's African American heritage.

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 Underrepresented Communities 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 federal funding and the required local match for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.