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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY FOR THE CONSOLIDATION
OF CITY AND COUNTY FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Local Government operate their own respective emergency dispatch services or Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP); and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County's PSAP dispatches all emergency medical calls within Forsyth County and all fire service calls in Forsyth County except for within the corporate limits of the City of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem emergency medical requests for service are currently received by WSPD telecommunicators, transferred to Forsyth County Emergency Services for processing, and transferred back to the City for dispatching causing a delayed notification of fire resources responding to medical emergencies in the City; and

WHEREAS, a combined fire dispatch service under Forsyth County's PSAP provides a uniform system of dispatch, improves efficiencies, resolves tax equity issues, and is accomplished by an immediate "one button transfer;" and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to consolidate fire dispatch services and to have Forsyth County's PSAP dispatch all fire services within Forsyth County, including within the corporate limits of the City of Winston-Salem per the terms of the attached interlocal agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with Forsyth County to combine the City's fire dispatch service under Forsyth County's emergency dispatch Public Safety Answering Point.