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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUPPORTING A REGIONAL
MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR WATER SUPPLY PLANNING IN THE YADKIN-PEE
DEE RIVER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin is defined as the geographic area that drains the watersheds that empty into the Yadkin-Pee Dee River; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin is a regional asset and it is understood that the use of its water supply will benefit from a comprehensive and collaborative regional approach; and

WHEREAS, effective management of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin will result in increased health and welfare of citizens in the region; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2016, the City Council of Winston Salem authorized execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the members of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group (YPDWMG); and

WHEREAS, the YPDWMG has developed a long range strategic plan working collaboratively with other YPDWMG members, various consulting firms, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources and other stakeholders in the basin; and

WHEREAS, the YPDWMG has participated in the development of a hydrologic model by working with the staff of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources and other stakeholders in the basin; and

WHEREAS, the YPDWVG has completed several key projects identified in its strategic plan by working collaboratively with stakeholders in the basin; and

WHEREAS, the existing MOU expired on June 30, 2021 and staff is agreeable to the terms of an amendment extending the MOU through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston Salem hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an amendment to extend the terms, as outlined in the Action Request Form, of an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group through June 30, 2026.