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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POSITIVE PATH PROGRAM AND THE USE OF EXISTING FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Positive Path Program is for at-risk youth aged 16 to 24 with a holistic approach to shaping pro-social behaviors through a strategic curriculum that provides real-life examples with the expectation that participants, referred to as apprentices, will learn and mimic behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum for the apprentices is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) based with additional components that include hands-on training, engaging on-site visits, obtaining personal and professional development, and pathfinder connections. In addition, apprentices receive an additional six months of staff support, services, and incentives that may include transportation services, uniforms, supplementary training courses; and

WHEREAS, apprentices are paid the city's minimum wage, with the opportunity to obtain their GED and receive a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certificate; and

WHEREAS, the first-year cost for two 20-week programs totals \$209,000 – spending \$11,610 per apprentice, including salaries, supportive services, program staff salaries, supplies, and follow-up services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby authorize the implementation of the Positive Path Program and the use of existing funding to assist with youth development. The curriculum for the program is included as Exhibit A.