

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT  
FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WINSTON-SALEM FOR A NORTH  
CAROLINA CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORIC MARKER BY DONATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) received from the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission (AAHC), a North Carolina Civil Rights Trail historic marker; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed marker subject is State v. Darnell, a case heard by the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1914 to consider African American tobacco worker William Darnell's appeal of a conviction for violation of an ordinance requiring residential racial segregation; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision in State v. Darnell invalidated similar ordinances in Mooresville and Greensboro and likely prevented other municipalities from passing similar ordinances enforcing segregation; and

**WHEREAS**, this marker will be located at the previous site of William Darnell's house, which was located at 1105 Highland Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the size of the pole and the location of the sidewalk and property line, the HRC proposes to install the marker on Tax PIN 6836-50-8749, which is owned by ASPIRE; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem desires to accept a non-exclusive and perpetual easement over and across a portion of the property for the purpose of accessing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, removing, and/or allowing the public to view the Historic Marker.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, hereby authorize the acceptance of said permanent easement by donation, and as further described in the attached Exhibit A.