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**RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE
CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AS A RESULT OF THE 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS the 2020 Decennial Census has been completed and indicates a population of 249,545 for the City of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS the results of the Census indicate that each Winston-Salem Ward should have a population of 31,393 with an allowable variance of plus or minus five percent (5%); and

WHEREAS the City Council endorsed a methodology to guide the redistricting process which included: (1) A tolerance among Wards of less than two percent (2%), (2) Reflection of the city's demographic diversity, (3) Keeping existing Council Members within the Wards where they currently reside, (4) Preserving the core of the existing Wards; (5) Not splitting Census Blocks, and (6) Focusing on logical boundaries for revised Ward boundaries; and

WHEREAS the proposed Ward realignment map attached to this resolution depicts revised Ward boundaries with a deviation of less than one percent (1%) for all eight (8) Wards which further strengthens the "one voice, one vote" principle; and

WHEREAS the City Council also agreed to have an open and transparent process to allow opportunities for feedback regarding revisions to Ward boundaries; and

WHEREAS the redistricting process was promoted heavily via social media and four public meetings were held during August 2022 to allow for public comment at locations spread across the City including Sedge Garden Recreation Center (August 17th), Hanes Hosiery Community Center (August 24th), Polo Park Community Center (August 29th), and Miller Park Community Center (August 31st); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council adopt the revised Ward realignment plan attached to this resolution and titled “Staff Recommendation – Realignment All Wards” and that the adopted Ward realignment map shall become effective July 1, 2023.