RESOLUTION OF THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 765 - SAVE THE AMERICAN DREAM ACT AND ANY RELATED NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

WHEREAS, certain provisions of House Bill 765 are not favorable the City of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, the bill is wide-ranging and contains elements which have the potential to significantly change and possibly negatively impact the regulatory climate for planning and development in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, while HB765 attempts to advance some development-related policies that have some general alignment with adopted City policies, it contains far too many provisions that outweigh any perceived benefit; and

WHEREAS, the bill as proposed significantly limits Winston-Salem elected officials in their roles of regulating development in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City is opposed to HB765 in its current form and requests changes to the legislation that would align the interests of the bill and the City to support increased housing with minimal negative impacts to the community.

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem opposes HB 765 for the reasons stated above and the additional reasons set forth in an attached memorandum dated April 29, 2025, from Assistant City Manager, Aaron King.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council hereby oppose HB 765 and ask the General Assembly the City of Winston-Salem to continue to have control over local planning and zoning.

This the 12th day of May 2025.