RESOLUTION APPROVING GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE (SOAR) PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, one of the strategies approved by the Mayor and City Council in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan is to strengthen re-entry and diversion initiatives (Strategy 2.1 under Safe and Secure Community Strategic Focus Area); and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, City staff presented a report on the Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) initiative that provided an update on the initiative's two programs—the work experience program and the grantee agency funding program; and

WHEREAS, in addition to program information and results, the report included staff recommendations to increase the impact of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, as a follow-up to that report, City staff have consolidated the guidelines for both programs into one program manual that provides the framework for consistent administration of the programs, incorporating the recommendations identified in last year's report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby approve the guidelines for the SOAR initiative's work experience and grantee agency funding programs, as documented in the attached program manual.