RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON SALEM DISPARITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consultant services to conduct the City of Winston Salem Disparity Study on November 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Disparity Study is to determine the effectiveness of the current M/WBE Program and to recommend modifications and adjustments, if necessary, to the City's program; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal process was conducted and five proposals were received by noon on January 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after evaluation and scoring of proposals, it is recommended to award the City of Winston Salem Disparity Study to MGT of America Consulting, LLC based out of Charlotte, NC, having extensive disparity analysis experience; and

WHEREAS, the MGT of America Consulting, LLC is expected to study the City's contractual awards in goods, services (professional and general), and construction for the five year period covering July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby authorize the acceptance and execution, by the appropriate city officials, of the proposal from MGT of America Consulting, LLC to recommend programmatic remedies to address any identified underutilization and reduce or eliminate any barriers that adversely affect the contract participation of M/WBE firms, should they exist.