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RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR UP TO \$250,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S TRAIL CONNECTION FROM CLOVER FIELD TO LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY NATIONAL AND STATE HERITAGE AREA (LHVA) PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of obtaining funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program through the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") for up to \$250,000.00 to be used towards the City of Scranton's Trail Connection from Clover Field to LHVA Project; and

WHEREAS, this legislation allows the City of Scranton to make an application for, and receive a grant from, the DCED and execute any necessary documents therein; and

WHEREAS, the Clover Field to LHVA Elm Street Trailhead Trail Connection will include the construction of a new trail connecting the recreation field at Clover Field at the intersection of West Locust Street and Meridian Avenue. This project is approximately 1,600 feet in length and will include traffic control; E&S; mobilization; cement concrete walkway; concrete drive apron; asphalt driveway tie-in; curbing and paving; handicapped ramp's; traffic signs; pavement markings; and grassed area restoration; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the grant funding and match will be used for contingency, design and construction engineering and administration; and

WHEREAS, Neighbor Works, Northeastern Pennsylvania, recently conducted a West Scranton Neighborhood Plan, which highlights the need for a connection from West Locust Street and Meridian Avenue to Clover Field. Within the plan, the Clover-Industrial District is highlighted as a support for the local economy with reliable, accountable, and well-maintained industrial service businesses that provide good jobs and keep the city running smoothly. This district includes enhanced Clover Field recreation opportunities, a potential dog park or other community amenity, and improved relationship to the trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton plans to submit an application for funds up to \$250,000.00 to be used for investing in our Trail Connection from Clover Field to LHVA Project. A copy of the Narrative is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON ratifies and approves the execution and submission of the grant application, incorporated herein as if set forth at length, by the City of Scranton to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program through the Department of

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Community and Economic Development for up to \$250,000.00 to be used towards the City of Scranton's Trail Connection from Clover Field to LHVA Project.

SECTION 1: If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval. SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, SMURL SCHUSTER

President

Approved