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3	A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY EXPENDITURES AND PURCHASES OVER
4	THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) MADE IN
5	RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DURING THE TIMES OF
6	EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE MAYOR, THE GOVERNOR OF THE
7	STATE OF ARKANSAS, OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AND FOR
8	OTHER PURPOSES.
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10	WHEREAS, 2020 has become famous for the numerous issues created by the pandemic of COVID-
11	19 and the various changes it required at the Federal, State and Local Government levels in order to provide
12	supplies, obtain equipment, and purchase services, to fight the pandemic; and,
13	WHEREAS, during the period from March 11, 2020, to the present, either the State of Arkansas ("the
14	State"), the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), or both, were required to make immediate purchases
15	of items such as personal protective gear including masks, gloves, and gowns, for emergency workers, and
16	hand-sanitizers, thermometers, and tracking information for City employees and those persons entering into
17	City buildings, and for numerous other reasons; and,
18	WHEREAS, it was impractical and unfeasible to obtain a resolution from the Board of Directors prior
19	to a purchase over Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as required by Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code §§ 2-
20	241 (a)(1) and (e)(1988) ("LRC §"); and,
21	WHEREAS, because of international problems with the scarcity of necessary supplies and equipment
22	to combat the adverse effects of the pandemic, it was impractical and unfeasible to submit purchases for
23	formal competitive purchase requirements as required by LRC § 2-241 (d); and,
24	WHEREAS, it is time for the City to seek appropriate reimbursement for some of these expenses, to
25	clarify that City procurement procedures have been followed for an emergency situation of this nature, and
26	that all such expenditures, whether reimbursement was sought or not, were appropriate.
27	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
28	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
29	Section 1. The Mayor and City Manager, and any other City employees or officers required to approve
30	a request for reimbursement, are authorized to submit items subject to reimbursement because of the
31	COVID-19 Pandemic reimbursement with the declaration of the Little Rock Board of Directors that any
32	emergency modifications of the City purchasing procedure set forth in LRC § 2-241, or another other
33	ordinance, resolution, policy guideline, memorandum, or statement of any nature whatsoever, is ratified as
34	correct by the City.

1 Section 2. In addition, the Mayor and City Manager, and any other City employees required to 2 approve a request for reimbursement, are authorized to seek any public health and safety payroll costs 3 eligible for reimbursement, as well as any other costs, expenses, purchases or expenditures required by the 4 emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. 5 Section 3. In addition, for all other purchases or expenditures made by the City because of the 6 COVID-19 Pandemic, even if not subject to reimbursement, it is the declaration of the Little Rock Board 7 of Directors that any emergency modifications of the City purchasing procedure set forth in LRC § 2-241, 8 or another other ordinance, resolution, policy guideline, memorandum, or statement of any nature 9 whatsoever, is ratified as correct by the City. 10 Section 4. The City Manager shall provide a report to the Board of Directors by December 30, 2020, 11 with a list of all expenditures and encumbrances of an annual aggregate per item amount of Fifty Thousand 12 Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more. The report shall include a notation of which costs, if any, were reimbursed 13 to the City. 14 Section 5. It is formally noted that this ratification occurs because of the unique and continuing 15 problems of the COVID-19 Pandemic, so this resolution is not in any way to be considered a modification 16 or amendment of any existing City policies for the expenditure of public monies. 17 **Section 6.** Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or 18 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or 19 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and 20 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the 21 resolution. 22 Section 7. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with 23 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. 24 **ADOPTED:** November 17, 2020 25 **ATTEST: APPROVED:** 26 27 Susan Langley, City Clerk 28 Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor 29 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: 30 31 32 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney 33 // 34 // 35 //

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