1	RESOLUTION NO	
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3	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE LITTLE ROCK	
4	CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF	
5	TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED	
6	DOLLARS (\$228,900.00), FOR THE RENTAL OF THE WILLIAM STILL	
7	BALLROOM AT THE ROBINSON CENTER FOR PURPOSES OF	
8	CONDUCTING CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS,	
9	ALTERNATE OPERATIONS CENTER, COORDINATION OF COVID-19	
10	RESPONSE AND OTHER CITY BUSINESS FROM MARCH 2020	
11	THROUGH AUGUST 2020 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND	
12	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14	WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., issued an Emergency Proclamation stating	
15	that the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, ("the City"0 was in an emergency situation as a result of the	
16	COVID-19 Pandemic; and,	
17	WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, because of the pandemic, Mayor Scott issued Declaration of Local	
18	Disaster Emergency No. 22-02, which formally declared a Local Disaster Emergency pursuant to Ark.	
19	Code. Ann. § 12-75-108, which continued for 120 days until July 24, 2020, when it was intended to end;	
20	and,	
21	WHEREAS, on August 21, 2020, because of the pandemic, Mayor Scott issued Declaration of Local	
22	Disaster Emergency No. 20-08 pursuant to Arkansas State Law which continued until December 19,	
23	2020, and then ended; and,	
24	WHEREAS, because of the continuing nature of the Pandemic, and the need to hold virtual meetings	
25	of the City Board of Directors and other City committees or commissions, the Board of Directors	
26	approved Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,849 (March 25, 2020), and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution	
27	No. 15,191 (April 1, 2020), to define the presence of a member to include participation in a virtual	
28	meeting; and,	
29	WHEREAS, the need for space to distance speakers, members of the governing bodies, and to	
30	implement the technology required to maintain real-time open meetings required more space than was	
31	available in the Board Meeting Room in City Hall; and,	
32	WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control stressed the importance of social distancing, the City of	
33	Little Rock used the William Still Ballroom at Robinson Center for purposes of conducting Board of	

Directors Meetings, and other City		
business from March 2020, through August 2020; and,		
WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will reimburse expenses		
pertaining to utilization of the space for COVID-19 coordination and use as an Alternate Operations		
Center; and,		
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to pay invoices from the Little Rock Convention and		
Visitors Bureau in the total amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars		
(\$228,900.00), for the rental of the William Still Ballroom at Robinson Center in order to conduct		
meetings for the Board of Directors, alternate operations center, coordination of COVID-19 response and		
other City business during the COVID-19 Pandemic.		
Section 2. Funding is available at 100% of expenditure through FEMA Project No. 151959,		
Account No. 270129; the City anticipates being reimbursed for the total amount to be paid.		
Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or		
word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or		
adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and		
effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the		
resolution.		
Section 4. Repealer. All laws, ordin	ances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent	
with the provisions of this resolution, are J	hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.	
<b>ADOPTED:</b> March 15, 2022		
ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
Susan Langley, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor	
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:		
Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney		
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