RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A GOVERNOR’S ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS ($118,130.00); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) approved a Governor’s Economic Infrastructure Fund (“EIF”) Grant for the City of Little Rock in the amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Dollars ($118,130.00) to be used for a sub-grant to Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind to help facilitate the manufacture of a new product line of inclement weather clothing and crewmen jerseys (the “Grant Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Project will support an addition to the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind’s current apparel department which makes items for the U.S. Military; and,

WHEREAS, as a condition of their EIF Sub-Grant, Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind will be required to create 44 new full-time jobs by December 31, 2016, at an average hourly wage of Nine and 48/100 Dollars ($9.48) per hour plus benefits; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Board of Directors recognizes that infrastructure improvements in support of a major economic development project are important to the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Manager, or Assistant City Manager as a Signatory Agent, is hereby authorized to accept a Governor’s Economic Infrastructure Fund Grant in the amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Dollars ($118,130.00) for purposes of the Grant Project described above; and to execute agreements and documents issued or made pursuant thereto on behalf of the City.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby pledges its full support of the Grant Project and authorizes the City Manager to initiate the actions needed to fully implement this project.

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 the 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, ordinances, resolution, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 5. This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED: November 17, 2015

ATTEST:                        APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk         Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney