RESOLUTION TO REQUEST SPEED LIMIT AND CAMERA ENFORCEMENT FOR SCHOOL ZONES LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the 2023 Legislative Session of the North Carolina General Assembly began January 11, 2023;

WHEREAS, this will be the long session of the biennium, which typically lasts up to six months; The long session is an opportunity for the legislature to deal with the complex and continuing issues that face North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the long session is for legislators to introduce new bills that have general application across the state, consider local bills, introduce study bills, and adopt a two-year budget;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2023 Legislative Agenda represents matters of particular importance to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, by adopting the Legislative Agenda, the Greensboro City Council hopes to partner with State elected officials for the betterment of its citizens and community;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro request a modification of statute to 25 mph, to allow for the reduction of the speed limit, primarily for residential and local streets that are not already signed for a higher speed limit. Recommended in the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, this change would drastically improve conditions for walking and biking on neighborhood streets and reduce the likelihood of severe or fatal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists. The current standard for municipal speeds is set by General Statute is 35 mph;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro is requesting state legislation that would allow for a pilot program of camera enforcement for a designated elementary school, middle school, and high school; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the Greensboro City Council hereby request Speed Limit and Camera Enforcement for School Zones Legislation.