RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND THE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER OF GREENSBORO, INC.

WHEREAS, City of Greensboro to enter into a three year lease through June 18, 2027 with the Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc. for the operation of approximately 28.672 acres including areas located at end of Orman, 4125 Lawndale Drive and the FLYAWAY zipline located at Country Park; and

WHEREAS, Natural Science Center of Greensboro referred to as the Greensboro Science Center is committed to excellence in science education by providing the community with a dynamic, experiential and family-focused attraction designed to inspire scientific curiosity and encourage personal discovery about life and the natural world;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro and Greensboro Science Center's public-private partnership has been instrumental in the growth and expansion of the Science Center include the Wiseman Aquarium, Revolution Ridge, SKYWILD, FLYAWAY zipline and expanded parking;

WHEREAS, over 600,000 visitors came to the Greensboro Science Center in FY 2022-23;

WHEREAS, since 2021 with launch of the SNAP program over 100,000 visitors have been able to access the facility;

WHEREAS, for FY 23-24 over 13,000 Guilford County School students have been able to visit the Greensboro Science Center;

WHEREAS, as a commitment of the lease terms the City of Greensboro will provide a total annual payment of \$1,085,000 for each year of the lease;

WHEREAS, the lease outlines specific maintenance and operations responsibilities of the Greensboro Science Center and the City of Greensboro; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a Lease Agreement lease between the City of Greensboro and Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc.