

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas receives the bulk of its revenues from property, sales, hotel occupancy, and other taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, increased revenues improve the City's ability to deliver services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of City revenues impairs the City's ability to perform its governmental functions and deliver necessary services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of City contracts provides an opportunity for direct economic stimulus to Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently has a local preference program for low bid procurements that applies when the City determines that the bid submitted by the local business offers the City the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities, including employment of residents of the City and increased tax revenue to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in awarding contracts for necessary government services, is acting as a market participant while performing its governmental functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as a market participant spending public funds to perform governmental functions, seeks to ensure maximum economic return and the best value for the City while simultaneously promoting efforts to increase the City's revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, Chapter 2269 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, Chapter 2 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, and its home rule authority, the City of Dallas may award a contract for goods and services to the bidder or proposer who provides the most advantageous proposal or the best value for Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may consider multiple factors that are relevant and necessary in making a best value or most advantageous award; and

**WHEREAS**, a relevant and necessary factor is maximizing economic return and value to City taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, employment of Dallas residents, production of goods or principal place of business in Dallas, and philanthropic work or other activities that create an economic benefit for Dallas residents or increase the City's tax revenues are factors that may maximize economic return and value to Dallas taxpayers and these factors are collectively known as "Dallas First";

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to expand and supplement its existing local preference policy;

Now, Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council finds that the City, in performing its governmental functions, should seek to maximize economic return and value when expending public funds in the procurement of goods and services by utilizing Dallas First.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized and directed to develop a procurement program that includes Dallas First for contracts awarded by the City for goods and services, which may include, but is not limited to, procuring more contracts through best value awards and proposals.

**SECTION 3.** That once the City Manager or the City Manager's designee has developed the Dallas First procurement process but prior to its implementation, the City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall brief the City Council on the procurement process that includes Dallas First for contracts awarded by the City for goods and services.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

