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**WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Treasury in the total amount of \$355,426,891.00; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2021, City Council authorized application for and acceptance of a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Treasury in the total amount of \$355,426,891.00, by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2021, City Council was briefed on allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, including allocation of \$2,000,000.00 to a Home Visiting Program to provide home visiting services to families after the birth of a child that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or by needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2021, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, which authorized the appropriation of \$355,426,891.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, including \$25,400,000.00 to support people in crisis by providing mental health care, children/family services, food/essentials assistance, benefits/financial navigation, and contract oversight/technology by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas and Dallas County recognize the need for the coordination and administration of evidence-based services designed to improve post-partum maternal, child, and family health outcomes that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas and Dallas County desire to engage the services of a hospital for the purpose of expanding newborn nurse home visitation and triage service programming, a program that each could undertake individually as a governmental function; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas and Dallas County desire to jointly participate in this Agreement to engage the services of a hospital to provide newborn nurse home visitation and triage services and have determined it appropriate to authorize the County to enter into an agreement with Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health & Hospital System ("Parkland") to provide the services set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal") for both the City and the County and pursuant to this Agreement participate in sharing the cost for the services provided by Parkland set forth in the Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the services to be provided by Parkland will be in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation, Article III Scope of Services hereof, and the scope outlined in the Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal, such scope having been agreed upon by the City and County; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Dallas and Dallas County recognize that the Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal and the services provided thereunder are necessitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic and are necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the residents of the County and the City of Dallas;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas and Dallas County recognize that combining their respective resources to fund the Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal and the services provided thereunder will help both parties pursue their recognized missions;

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Government Code Chapter 791, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, provides authorization for any local government to contract with one or more local governments to perform governmental functions and services;

**WHEREAS**, City and County desire to enter into an agreement to share the costs of the Parkland Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program Proposal and services provided under the program;

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 2022, the Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee was briefed via memorandum on the proposed Home Visiting program, and recommended approval of agreement.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

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**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dallas and Dallas County, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for Parkland Health & Hospital System to implement a universal Newborn Nurse Home Visit Program, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the period December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2024, with matching funds to be provided by Dallas County.

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to Dallas County 269913, from the American Rescue Plan Act in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD18, Object 3070.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the program as may be necessary to satisfy Dallas County.

**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.