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**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**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the pandemic and in the interest of public health and safety of residents, the City, various counties, the State of Texas, and the United States government have issued emergency orders, regulations, recommendations, and guidance related to closing schools, restricting travel, persons staying at home except for essential activities, and social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the spread of COVID-19, the global and local economy have suffered a tremendous downturn, causing massive unemployment and reduced tax revenues to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020, the City is forecasting revenue losses of about: \$34 million to the general fund, \$40 million to the Department of Aviation, \$48 million to the Department of Convention and Event Services, \$68 million to Dallas Water Utilities, and \$6 million to the Department of Sustainable Development and Construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress approved stimulus funding related to COVID-19 for the City, however, those funds may not be used to cover City revenue shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the economic damage from COVID-19 to the City, the City furloughed almost 500 employees; 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 pandemic also severely disrupted global supply chains for personal protective equipment and disinfectant items, which directly impacted the City's ability to source those items for first responders and City personnel on the frontlines of the pandemic response; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the supplies the City needed were held in factories abroad and deliveries to the City were delayed due to overseas shipping and customs issues, which could have been avoided with a stronger local supply chain; and

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

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council hereby authorizes and finds that the City of Dallas, 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.

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**SECTION 3.** 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.