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WHEREAS, a lawsuit styled, Katrina Ahrens, et al. v. Dallas Police Association, et al., Cause No. DC-C201700365, was filed by the plaintiff, Katrina Ahrens (Ahrens), seeking compensation from the City of Dallas for alleged damages Ahrens incurred from the city's handling of mail and donations delivered to Dallas Police Department headquarters following the July 7, 2016, sniper attack targeting police officers; and

WHEREAS, Ahrens' children, S.A. and M.A., were added as plaintiffs to the lawsuit as indispensable third parties; and

WHEREAS, Ahrens amended the lawsuit to seek damages for alleged retaliation that occurred because of her reports about the handling of donations delivered to Dallas Police Department headquarters following the July 7, 2026, sniper attack; and

WHEREAS, in the lawsuit, Ahrens sought an injunction prohibiting the city from publicly disclosing records depicting or documenting the shooting, injuries, suffering, or death of her late husband, Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2018, the court issued a temporary injunction prohibiting the city from disclosing records depicting or documenting the shooting, injuries, suffering or death of Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2018, the court severed Ahrens' claims for injunctive relief into a separate lawsuit styled Katrina Ahrens v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-C201800704; and

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs, Katrina Ahrens, S.A., and M.A., have agreed to a proposed settlement of their claims whereby the City will pay Katrina Ahrens, S.A., M.A., Griffith Barbee PLLC, and all other persons having an interest in the settlement proceeds, the total amount of \$2,800,000.00, and agree to entry of a permanent injunction prohibiting the city from publicly disclosing records depicting or documenting the shooting, injuries, suffering, or death of Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to settle this lawsuit.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the proposed settlement of the lawsuit styled, Katrina Ahrens, et al. v. Dallas Police Association, et al., Cause No. DC-C201700365, in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000.00, is hereby approved.

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SECTION 2. That the proposed settlement of the lawsuit styled Katrina Ahrens v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-C201800704 by the entry of a permanent injunction prohibiting the city from publicly disclosing records depicting or documenting the shooting, injuries, suffering, or death of Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay Katrina Ahrens, S.A., M.A., and Griffith Barbee PLLC, and all other persons having an interest in the settlement proceeds, the total amount of \$2,800,000.00 from Liability Reserve Fund, Fund 0192, Department ORM, Unit 3890, Object 3521, Vendor MVORM001.

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.