

**CITY OF HAMPTON**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM ("GICH"); TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Hampton, Georgia is the Mayor and Council (hereinafter "City") thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hampton is applying for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Designation, which offers communities in Georgia a three-year program of collaboration and technical assistance in addressing their housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the initiative, the City of Hampton's Housing plan is expected to be completed by the City's elected officials, and staff members, as well as the continual involvement of a special cross-section of citizens who are appointed to and designated as the City of Hampton Housing Team; and

**WHEREAS**, benefits to the City of Hampton community resulting from the housing plan are expected to include the development of a vision that describes the future of this community, the creation of strategic plans and policies for the revitalization of distressed areas, rehabilitation of blighted housing, and the creation of new and future resources that enhance quality of life

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton City Council believes the Housing Team is very important to the overall process of developing the housing plan as it ensures that representative citizens from throughout the City of Hampton and various segments of the community will come together to help create and exchange ideas and other information which is crucial to the development of a quality Housing Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, if successful the city will be notified in Fall 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager or his designee has the authority to complete any and all necessary application documents to apply for the program.

**WHEREAS**, the city is aware of and certifies that in the event the city is recommended for the designation, the city will be responsible for sending at least 4 members of the Housing team to two retreats a year.

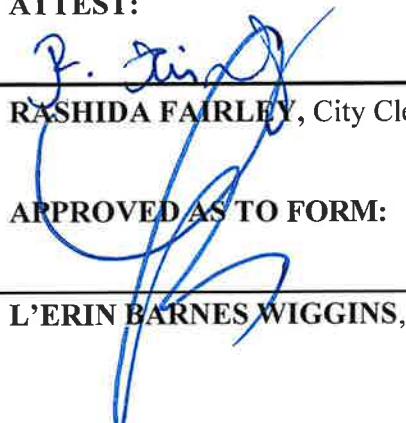
**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton, Georgia, that the City Manager or his designee is authorized to move forward with due diligence in applying for the above-referenced GICH program designation for the development of locally driven housing and revitalization strategies and sign any corresponding documents to secure the designation.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 9th day of July, 2024.

**CITY OF HAMPTON, GEORGIA:**

  
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ANN N. TARPLEY, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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RASHIDA FAIRLEY, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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L'ERIN BARNES WIGGINS, City Attorney