RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, DABOUZE ANTOINE, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH AN IGNITABLE LIQUID DETECTION CANINE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with being fiscally responsible concerning the use and expenditure of all public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and EMS Department desires to procure one (1) fully trained ignitable liquid detection (ILD) canine from Hurricane Creek K-9 Kennel to establish an ILD canine program, including the training and certification of a first responder as ILD canine handler; and

WHEREAS, the Department would utilize the canine to detect accelerants in fire investigations, enhance arson awareness, provide public education, and serve as an in-house emotional support animal for its first responders; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an ILD Canine Program will benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Forest Park.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Approval. The Fire and EMS Department is hereby authorized to establish the ILD Canine Program as presented to Council on May 6, 2024.

SECTION 2. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 3. <u>Authorization of Execution</u>. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> <u>Attestation</u>. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> <u>**Effective Date**</u>. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

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SO RESOLVED this 6th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

Angelyne Butler, Mayor

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney