

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO APPROVE THE GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT (GIRMA) FIRST RESPONDER PTSD APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FROM THE CITY’S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Ashley Wilson Act (HB451) mandates all Georgia public entities to provide a supplemental benefit program (“PTSD Program”) for first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (“PTSD”) as a result of exposure to traumatic events encountered in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the PTSD Program shall not affect employer health plans and shall ensure that first responders can access benefits quickly and shall mitigate concerns about stigma or potential job loss; and

WHEREAS, PTSD Program becomes effective on January 1, 2025 and local government participation is required under the Ashley Wilson Act via signing a Georgia Interlocal Risk Management (“GIRMA”) First Responder PTSD Application and Participation Agreement (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the approval of this Agreement is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens.

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

Section 1. Approval. The request to approve the GIRMA First Responder PTSD Application and Participation Agreement to provide the PTSD Program via the Ashley Wilson Act as presented to the Mayor and Council on January 6, 2025 is hereby approved.

Section 2. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk (“Clerk”) and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City.

Section 3. Authorization of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 4. Attestation. The Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 5. Effective Date. 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.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of January 2025.

CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

Angelyne Butler, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney