RESOLUTION ADOPTING VISION STATEMENT

OF THE 140TH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

WHEREAS, the 140th City Council was inaugurated on January 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on March 25 and 26, 2024, the Mayor and Aldermen conducted visioning sessions intended to facilitate development of a comprehensive and cohesive strategic plan for the City of Savannah, the first such plan since 2017; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the visioning session, six strategic priorities emerged: (1) community development and resiliency; (2) public safety; (3) livable built environment/infrastructure; (4) quality of life/fundamental city services; (5) economic access, opportunity, and vitality; and (6) good government, which priorities are intended to furnish the conceptual framework for an updated plan; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Equity Statement provides: “*The City of Savannah views Equity as a guiding principle that drives us. We strive to create and maintain an environment that influences fair and equitable service delivery and distribution of resources to shape the provision of exceptional public services that benefit all Savannah residents, businesses, workers, and guests*”, which shall be incorporated as a core principle into the development of the updated strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen wish to formally adopt a Vision Statement, signifying their commitment to implementation of the Council’s six strategic priorities guided by the City’s Equity Statement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen in regular meeting of Council assembled that we HEREBY ADOPT a Vision Statement, to read: “*Savannah will be a safe, environmentally healthy, and economically thriving community for all of its citizens.*”

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Van R. Johnson II

Mayor

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Mark Massey

Clerk of Council