A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH COBB & DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH RELATING TO GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the City of Powder Springs has included in its budget for the use of American Rescue Plan dollars ("ARPA") funds to offset costs to pay for a mental health coresponse in 911 calls;

WHEREAS the City sought to leverage tis ARPA dollars by applying for and receiving additional funding assistance from Cobb & Douglas Public Health through its 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan Partnership ("CHIP") grant;

WHEREAS the CHIP grant outlines various terms and conditions in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) under which Cobb & Douglas Public Health will fund The City of Powder Springs to implement the *Behavioral Health First Responder Program* in support of the 2021-2022 Community Health Assessment for Cobb and Douglas Counties.

WHEREAS the City finds it in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare to accept the grant funding under the terms and conditions of the MOA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute, in form substantially similar to the attached Exhibits "A", a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cobb & Douglas Public Health, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of October 2023.

Albert Thurman, Mayor

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