RESOLUTION NO.	

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THURSTON COUNTY AND OTHER AFFECTED GOVERNING AUTHORITIES REGARDING ANNEXATION OF OLYMPIA'S SOUTHEAST URBAN GROWTH AREA

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to initiate an annexation through the Interlocal Cooperation Act subject to an interlocal agreement with Thurston County and other affected governing authorities pursuant to RCW 35A.14.296, of the area generally shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each party is authorized to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform: provided, that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and shall set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia studied the feasibility of annexing the southeast portion of its UGA in 2019. A feasibility report was delivered through a contract with Local Planning Solutions. This report profiled the proposed annexation area and provided a high-level analysis of potential annexation phases and impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with ECONorthwest in 2022, to prepare a more detailed annexation fiscal analysis with a focus on General Fund impacts over a twenty-year planning horizon. The fiscal analysis was presented to the City Council for discussion at a Council Study Session on September 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also discussed at the September 19, 2023 study session the State of Washington Second Substitute House Bill 1425 that amended RCW 35.13.470 and RCW 82.14.415 that authorizes the City of Olympia to impose a sales and use tax credit when annexing unincorporated territory pursuant to an interlocal agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE and declares its intent to authorize the City Manager to initiate negotiations with Thurston County and other affected governing authorities for annexation of the area generally described in the attached Exhibit A through the Interlocal Cooperation Act subject to an interlocal agreement, pursuant to RCW 35A.14.296.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this	day of	2023.	
	MAYOR		
ATTEST:			
CITY CLERK			
APPROVED AS TO FORM:			
Mark Barber			

