RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH GUILFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro is a strong advocate of governmental and private efforts to stem the tide of violence against those victims by providing support services or enforcement and prosecutorial actions;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center is a new public safety community initiative launched as a collaborative approach to fighting family violence;

WHEREAS, Guilford County in partnership with many area non-profits, private sector resources and law enforcement agencies, is working toward streamlining services provided by the various entities into a singular location;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center is envisioned to be a one-stop shop that will serve as a help center for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child maltreatment and elder abuse;

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center model is an evidence-based approach used in a growing number of communities across the United States and Internationally;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice views the Family Justice Center model to be a best practice approach in responding to domestic violence and abuse;

WHEREAS, rates of family violence locally are very high and establishing a Family Justice Center in the community is an important step in ensuring the safety and well being of children, families and vulnerable populations in the community;

WHEREAS, Guilford County is requesting a one-time funding support in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for renovation costs for the Center which will be located at 201 South Greene Street;

WHEREAS, Guilford County will be responsible for ongoing building maintenance, repairs, upgrades and utilities of the facility and the Greensboro Police Department will utilize existing department funds or seek grants to fund or offset the County requested match of funding for this community initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it hereby supports the Family Justice Center facility renovations and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with Guilford County for funding not exceed \$250,000 for the Center.