



**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-225**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ACCEPTING A BEQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY'S ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN FONTEBASSO, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BEQUEST ON THE CITY'S BEHALF AND SIGN SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Ann Fontebasso, a citizen and resident of the City of Farmers Branch, passed away August 14, 2023, leaving a will and trust that named the City's Animal Adoption Center as a beneficiary of the trust; and

**WHEREAS**, other beneficiaries of the estate and the trust estate and co-trustees of the Estate of Margaret Ann Fontebasso have filed proceedings in probate styled, *In re Estate of Margaret Ann Fontebasso*, Cause No. PR-24-01403-1, pending in the Probate Court of Dallas County, Texas, which proceedings seek, among other forms of relief, declarations from the Court regarding the will and trust and the entitlement to distributions of beneficiaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been offered a settlement through the probate proceedings which involves a distribution of assets from the estate in the amount of \$400,000, the acceptance of which the Council finds and determines to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Farmers Branch does hereby accept a donation of cash and/or securities from the Estate of Margaret Ann Fontebasso in the amount of \$400,000 and does further authorize the City Manager to accept the bequest on behalf of the City and to negotiate and execute such settlement agreements, instruments and documents as may be necessary and/or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and intent of this resolution.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 22 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

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Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Whitt Wyatt, City Attorney