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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**

**Resolution urging our state legislators to repeal or amend the Fireworks Law, Act 43 of 2017, and asking the Mayor and his Administration to investigate possible solutions to the nuisance of Consumer Fireworks**

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted the Fireworks Law, Act 43 of 2017 (“Fireworks Law”) which permitted Pennsylvania residents to purchase “Consumer Fireworks” and expanded the scope of fireworks available to residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to include significantly larger and louder fireworks than previously available;

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Fireworks Law, Consumer Fireworks have become an increasing nuisance throughout the Commonwealth and in the City of Bethlehem, where they are often discharged late into the night, causing loud explosions that disturb sleep, frighten residents and their children, infants, and pets, and exacerbate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in our veterans; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Bethlehem believes the use of Consumer Fireworks in the City has become a significant nuisance that is disturbing the peace and negatively impacting quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem urges its state legislators to work in the Pennsylvania General Assembly to repeal the Fireworks Law, Act 43 of 2017 or to amend the law to allow for appropriate municipal regulation of Consumer Fireworks or otherwise address the problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem asks the Mayor and his Administration to investigate possible solutions to the widespread nuisance of Consumer Fireworks in the City of Bethlehem.

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ADOPTED by Council this            day of            , 2020.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk