## **RESOLUTION**

- **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution No. 8908, The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham has established its Community Educational Program (the "Program"); and,
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the Program, the Water Works Board may participate in events and functions if the Water Works Board's participation: protects its water sources and its consuming public; obtains optimum utility management, improves water quality and system reliability; improves reliability of high-quality water; provides educational, scientific and technological information about the Water Works Board to its consuming public; ensures access to and the wise use of water resources and the protection of the environment; and engages in such activities that are beneficial to the entire water system and that are otherwise necessary, appropriate and consistent with the Water Works Board's corporate powers (all of which is hereinafter referred to as "Corporate Purposes"); and,
- **WHEREAS**, under the Program, the Water Works Board has identified non-ratepayer funding that may be used for funding the Program (the "Funds"); and,
- **WHEREAS**, the Water Works Board has identified an educational and a workforce development opportunity for up to 1,200 water customers; and,
- **WHEREAS**, said opportunity would be in conjunction with a program to be held on February 17, 2023, for students and parent of the Huffman, CenterPoint and Shades Valley High School areas (the "Event"); and,
- **WHEREAS**, the Event, in part, is being held to promote clean water awareness and focusing on educating students and the community on the importance of preserving water sources; and.
- **WHEREAS**, participation in the Event will allow the Water Works Board to expand its *World Without Water School Program*, allow the Water Works Board's Workforce Development Team to introduce students to career paths at the Water Works Board, and allow management of the Water Works Board to present the public with information about the impact the water industry has on everyday life; and,
- **WHEREAS**, the Water Works Board desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Salute Selma, Inc., an Alabama non-profit corporation, that will set forth how the Water Works Board will accomplish its Corporate Purposes and will set forth the amount of Funds the Water Works Board will expend in doing so.
- **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on a motion made by Mr. William "Butch" Burbage, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Thomas E. Henderson as follows:
- 1. For the reasons set forth above, it is hereby found and declared that the Water Works Board's participation in the Event will accomplish its Corporate Purposes.

- 2. The General Manager is authorized and instructed to enter into a MOU, in substantially the form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with the Salute Selma, Inc., to accomplish the purposes set forth above.
- 3. As consideration for the MOU and for participating in the Event, the Water Works Board will contribute non-ratepayer Funds in the sum of \$10,000.00.

Resolution No. 9241 is hereby adopted by unanimous vote on February 8, 2023.