

RESOLUTION No. 2018-

**NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD ALLOCATED EXPENDITURE GRANT FUNDS BY
THE NY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
WATERLINE AND LEAD SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

BY:

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WHEREAS, New York's Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 (Act) amended the Public Health Law to require the Department of Health (Department) to institute a Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP) to provide municipalities with grant funds to facilitate the replacement of lead water service lines; and

WHEREAS, the eligibility of the City of Niagara Falls to participate in the program has been pre-determined by the Department based on criteria contained in the Act, including the giving of priority to municipalities that have a high percentage of elevated childhood blood levels; and LSLRP funds will be used to replace the entire length of residential lead service lines, from the municipal water main to the residence; and

WHEREAS, On November 27, 2017 Governor Cuomo announced the allocation of \$567,492 to the City of Niagara Falls for such replacements; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Water Board and the City of Niagara Falls are cooperating through the staff of the Water Board, the City Engineering Department, the office of the Mayor

and others in developing a comprehensive description of how all aspect of the lead service project will proceed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby acknowledge that critical improvements to our city's drinking water infrastructure are vital to protecting public health and to laying the foundation for future growth and economic prosperity in our community, and that this City Council supports and encourages the continued cooperation of the City and the Water Board toward upgrading water infrastructure, reducing lead exposure, especially in children, and improving the health of the residents of the City of Niagara Falls.

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The Department of Health has released the following schematic indicating the scope of a typical replacement plan:

