STATE OF ALABAMA

WALKER COUNTY

RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS TO INSPECT ALLEGED VIOLATIONS CONCERNING CRUELTY TO OR NEGLECT OF ANIMALS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Walker County Commission ("the Commission") to assist in the humane treatment of dogs and cats and to ensure that these animals are not treated inhumanely and/or physically abused as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that proper inspections be made of any alleged allegations of cruelty or neglect of animals as defined in Article 11 of Chapter 11 of the Criminal Code of the State of Alabama (Section 13A-11-240, *et. seq.*, hereinafter referred to as "Article 11") by the Walker County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Article 11 permits the Commission to appoint one or more trained agents to inspect alleged violations regarding cruelty to or neglect of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the goals of treating animals in a humane manner and inspecting any alleged allegations of cruelty to or neglect of animals, the Commission desires to appoint the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, its employees and/or designated agents, pursuant to Section 13A-11-242, Code of Alabama 1975, and as amended, as agents to investigate alleged violations regarding cruelty to or neglect of animals and/or, at the request of the Walker County Sheriff's Department, to assist the Walker County Sheriff's Department in taking possession of these animals when necessary; and

WHEREAS, any prior appointments of designated agents made by the Commission under Section 13A-11-242, Code of Alabama 1975, and as amended, are hereinafter rescinded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. That those individuals who serve as Board Members for the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, Inc., are hereby appointed, pursuant to Section 13A-11-242, as agents to inspect alleged violations of Article 11 and to assist the Walker County Sheriff's Department when

requested by the Walker County Sheriff's Department to take possession of said animals and that as said agents, the Greater Birmingham Humane Society as well as the Walker County Sheriff's deputies shall have those immunities from liability set forth in Section 13A-11-243 of the Criminal Code of Alabama in addition to any and all other applicable immunities from liability as afforded under the law.

AND,

2. That any prior appointments of designated agents made by the Commission under Section 13A-11-242, Code of Alabama 1975, and as amended, are hereinafter rescinded, such that the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, its employees, and/or designated agents shall be the sole "Agents" so appointed by the Commission pursuant to Section 13A-11-242.

Approved by a majority vote of the Walker County Commission.

DONE, this the 15th day of September 2025.

Amy Frederickson, Administrator

Steve Miller, Chairman

Attest: