## RESOLUTION No. 2023-

## RELATIVE TO INTENT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF WALNUT AVENUE EXTENSION TO NIKOLA TESLA LANE

BY:

Council Chairman David Zajac Council Member Traci Bax Council Member Vincent Cauley Council Member Donta Myles Council Member Kenny Tompkins Mayor Robert Restaino

WHEREAS, Nikola Tesla was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, and futurist who is best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system; and

WHEREAS, Nikola Tesla had a significant impact on the Niagara Falls community and the Niagara Falls region with his work on the development of the first hydroelectric power plant at Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, Nikola Tesla's contributions to science and technology have had a lasting impact on our society and continue to inspire future generations of innovators and inventors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls has a rich history and is home to many landmarks that commemorate the contributions of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Walnut Avenue Extension (between Third Street and Discovery Lane) is public street located in proximity to the where Nikola Tesla's work ensued; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of Walnut Avenue Extension to Nikola Tesla Lane would be a fitting tribute to Nikola Tesla's legacy and his contributions to the Niagara Falls community; and

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WHEREAS, Walnut Avenue Extension currently has no known registered address on record; therefore, such a name change would not cause a disturbance to existing City residents; and

**WHEREAS,** both the City Council and the Mayor are of the opinion that said name change is desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that pursuant to Chapter 901.02 of the Codified Ordinances, the City Council does hereby express its intent to change the name of Walnut Avenue Extension to Nikola Tesla Lane and will hold a public hearing on said change at 6:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on April 26, 2023 in the Council Chambers; the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the Niagara Gazette at least one once prior to April 26, 2023 a Notice of Intention to change the name of Walnut Avenue Extension to Nikola Tesla Lane at this Council's regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.