WHEREAS, the Dallas City Council finds that there are many items brought before the Legislature of the State of Texas that may directly affect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Council further finds that there is a need to inform the Legislature of the State of Texas on proposed or needed state legislation necessary for or detrimental to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Council also finds that many state agencies of the State of Texas propose and pass rules that directly affect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Council believes that there is a need to inform the state agencies on proposed or needed rules necessary for, or detrimental to the public, health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, Resolution No. 07-2760 authorized a contract with HillCo Partners, LLC for FY2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2008, Administrative Action No. 08-2959 extended the FY2007-2008 contract with HillCo Partners LLC to November 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2008, Resolution No. 08-3061 authorized a contract with HillCo Partners, LLC for FY2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2009, Resolution No. 09-2627 authorized a contract with HillCo Partners, LLC for FY2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2010, Resolution No. 10-2575 authorized a contract with HillCo Partners, LLC for FY2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2011, Resolution No. 11-2724 authorized a contract with HillCo Partners, LLC for FY2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Council finds it to be a public purpose and in the best interest of the residents of the City of Dallas to engage the services of HillCo Partners, LLC to inform the Legislature and state agencies of its views on either pending legislation or rules that could or would affect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City of Dallas;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a professional services contract with HillCo Partners, LLC to provide state legislative information and related services for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$86,250.00.

SECTION 2. That the City Controller is hereby authorized to make periodic payments in accordance with the terms of the contract, in an amount not to exceed \$86,250.00 from Fund 0100, Department DWU, Unit 7015, Object Code 3070, Encumbrance No. DWU7015A1304, Vendor No. VS0000014218.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY **CITY COUNCIL** NOV 1 4 2012 City Secretary