

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA'S FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTERS**

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 500 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) providing direct services to support children and families in some of the most marginalized communities in California to increase economic stability, prevent vulnerable children from entering the welfare system, as well as provide a pathway for California's local planning and implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) PL 115-123; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is providing one-time funding of \$75 million, allocated in \$22.5 million increments over the next three fiscal years starting with FY 2024-25, that would be given to approximately 200 FRCs and FRC networks annually, reaching over 250,000 children and families and netting a 365% return on every dollar spent; and

**WHEREAS**, FRCs provide prenatal and well-baby care, health screenings, mental health and counseling services, parental classes, after-school programs and supervision for children as well as access to State benefits along with rental relief, eviction and legal support; and

**WHEREAS**, FRCs provide critical community resources during crisis, as was evidenced multiple times in Santa Cruz County, during the pandemic with trusted information about Covid-19, testing, and vaccination locations in multiple languages, during the CZU Lightning Complex Fire with evacuation and shelter assistance, and most recently during the winter storms that damaged several communities; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Pájaro flood resulting in mass evacuations, FRCs assisted with setting up emergency shelters with associate care, food, and portable showers; and

**WHEREAS**, FRCs proved to be critical, trusted communications leaders in each of the above-mentioned emergencies, not only by providing reliable information, but also being at the ready to assist with immediate and long-term case management during the recovery process, often times linking clients with multiple funding avenues, including assistance in securing FEMA resources, and providing direct cash assistance to meet immediate needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Council supports the one-time \$75 million funding for Family Resource Centers that make a positive impact in the well-being of children and families across the State.

2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators John Laird and Alex Padilla, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, and Assemblymembers Robert Rivas and Gail Pellerin.

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