

RESOLUTION NO. _____(CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 19
THROUGH APRIL 25, 2026**

WHEREAS, cities first arose in California when eight municipalities incorporated in 1850 to provide essential safety and health services to a rapidly growing population following the Gold Rush, and subsequent periods of economic growth and immigration; and

WHEREAS, today California’s 483 cities and towns vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout the state, from small rural neighborhoods to large urban regions; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 percent of California’s population resides within cities and towns and relies on municipal services provided by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution grants cities important powers, including the authority to promote and regulate public safety, raise revenue for public purposes, and operate public works to furnish residents with light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication; and

WHEREAS, cities provide millions of Californians with essential services, including but not limited to public libraries, fire protection, law enforcement, emergency medical and disaster response, parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services, solid waste and recycling management, water and sewer services, utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, transportation planning, street and road maintenance, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, cities remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve and continue to earn the trust placed in them by local residents through responsive, accessible, and locally driven governance; and

WHEREAS, California Cities Week is an opportunity to recognize the vital role cities play in the daily lives of residents and to encourage civic engagement, education, and participation in local government.

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

1. This action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, even if a “project,” the action would be exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby proclaims the week of April 19 through April 25, 2026, as California Cities Week in the City of Watsonville and encourages residents, businesses, and community organizations to participate in

California Cities Week activities and to engage with their local government to better understand municipal services, decision-making, and opportunities for civic involvement.
