

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY FOR ONE (1) MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON TO PARTNER WITH THE WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FY25-26, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$102,233.00; AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, since 2015, the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency have been cost-sharing to have one (1) Mental Health Liaison partnered with Watsonville Police Officers to respond to crisis calls for service, Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM, excluding holidays;

WHEREAS, both the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency wish to continue that partnership and cost-sharing.

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

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution approving a contract between the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency for one (1) Mental Health Liaison, does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a "project," is 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 , contract between the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency for one (1) Mental Health Liaison to be partnered with Watsonville Police Officers for FY25-26, in an amount not to exceed \$102,233.00, a copy of which Contract is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney
