



RESOLUTION NO. 40753

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$2,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for media and broadcasting
4 costs for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.

5 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Pierce County Council declared a “State of Opioid
6 Crisis” which paralleled a Presidential declaration, and sent a letter to Governor
7 Inslee, urging him to declare Pierce County in a state of emergency, and

8 WHEREAS, in that same year, representatives from multiple sectors were
9 convened as the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force (“Task Force”), and
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11 WHEREAS, in February 2018, the Task Force convened a community
12 summit on the opioid epidemic to get input for an action plan, and more than
13 150 leaders from cities, healthcare, social services, fire, public health, law
14 enforcement, and criminal justice joined together in discussion, and

15 WHEREAS Task Force leaders have continued to meet annually to
16 exchange ideas and coordinate efforts to end the opioid epidemic in Pierce County,
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19 WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Coronavirus emerged, infecting millions
20 worldwide and disrupting the way people in Pierce County live, work, and receive
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23 WHEREAS the impact of this virus has left many communities scrambling for
24 resources, technology, education, and means to support themselves and or their
25 families financially, and
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WHEREAS, among those impacted are several vulnerable populations, including those without housing, reliable transportation, broadband, or access to treatment, who experience even higher levels of stress and isolation, and

WHEREAS it has been reported that severe and prolonged levels of stress, when combined with isolation, have been linked to higher rates of opioid related overdoses, and

WHEREAS, at the February 16, 2021, Study Session, Council Member McCarthy shared a Council Consideration Request to use \$2,000 of City Council Contingency Funding for media and broadcasting costs for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit, and

WHEREAS the Task Force Steering Committee will share outcomes from the Summit with the City Council, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the City Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS the need for funding related to the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,



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

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That one-time funding in an amount of up to \$2,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for media and broadcasting costs for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney