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RESOLUTION NO. 41723

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL AND SADALGE

A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the 2025 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ("BIPOC") Health and Wellness Fair.

WHEREAS the 2025 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ("BIPOC")
Health and Wellness Fair ("Fair"), scheduled for July 26, 2025, at Tacoma's
Eastside Community Center, is a vital initiative aimed at addressing persistent
health disparities within BIPOC communities, and

WHEREAS the Fair, organized by Abundance Health, LLC, offers free health screenings, educational sessions, and access to community resources that are designed to promote healthier lifestyles and bridge gaps in healthcare access, and

WHEREAS in 2024, the Fair successfully brought together various community partners, provided attendees with access to wellness services, educational tools, and opportunities to strengthen their support networks, and

WHEREAS building on this success, the 2025 Fair aims to expand its reach and impact, further solidifying its role as a cornerstone in Tacoma's efforts to promote health equity in Eastside Tacoma and beyond, and

WHEREAS Eastside Tacoma is a Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Community of Focus, and

WHEREAS people who live in these Communities of Focus experience greater challenges to earn an income that's not just livable, but also that allows them to thrive, and



WHEREAS, additionally, these Communities of Focus also face barriers to access higher education and training, have fewer options for affordable housing, transportation, and healthy foods, which all affect health and life expectancy, and

WHEREAS Communities of Focus is an essential program that works to address systemic problems that harm people's well-being, and

WHEREAS this sponsorship will support efforts to expand the Fair and bring in vital resources and partners such as: (1) Bloodworks NW - to collect much needed blood; (2) Washington State Department of Licensing - to help individuals obtain identification cards; (3) Community Health Care - to provide free dental assessments; (4) Virginia Mason Franciscan Health (oncology, stroke health, and birthing centers departments), Carol Milgard Breast Center, 253 Therapy & Consult, Gilead Sciences, and MultiCare will all be in attendance; (5) Washington Gun Responsibility - to distribute free gun lock boxes to promote community safety; and (6) AIDS Healthcare Foundation - will provide STI and HIV testing, the Ebony Nurses Association will provide blood pressure screenings, and Leaders in Women's Health will also be participating, and

WHEREAS, at the July 15, 2025, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the 2025 BIPOC Health and Wellness Fair, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services, with terms and deliverables for the City's investment, and



WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the 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 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:

Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the 2025 Black, Indigenous and People of Color ("BIPOC") Health and Wellness Fair.



Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enumerated, and document as appropriate. Adopted _____ Mayor Attest: City Clerk Approved as to form: Chief Deputy City Attorney

confirm deliverables with Abundance Health, LLC for the purposes hereinabove