



RESOLUTION NO. 41217

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER
2 AND DANIELS

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$2,500,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the City's 2023
5 Juneteenth Celebration.

6 WHEREAS the City recognized the Juneteenth holiday for employees in
7 2022, and held a community celebration and inauguration of the Black Lives Matter
8 mural at Tollefson Plaza, and

9 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the events of June 19, 1865, when
10 Major General Gordon Granger led Union soldiers into Galveston, Texas, bringing
11 news that the Civil War had ended and that the Emancipation Proclamation had
12 declared all enslaved people free nearly two and a half years earlier, and

13 WHEREAS, Juneteenth not only reminds us that our history remains stained
14 by injustice but calls us to action to build a future for all our children where systemic
15 inequities that have created barriers for them no longer exist, and

16 WHEREAS, the celebration of Juneteenth matters as a celebration of the
17 liberation from beliefs, policies, and systems that were and are discriminatory,
18 immoral, and inhumane, and represents resistance, resilience, and Black Joy, and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission recognizes that
20 the celebration of Juneteenth offers our community the opportunity to reflect on the
21 grievous and ongoing legacy of slavery, and to rededicate ourselves to rooting out
22 the systemic racism that continues to plague our communities, and
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WHEREAS, the funding will support painting supplies for the mural, advertising, dancing, music, performers, and speakers, as well as tables and chairs needed for the community fair, and

WHEREAS, this family friendly event and celebration of Juneteenth will happen in front of the Black Lives Matter mural and be surrounded by speakers, resources, and a community fair with local organizations represented, and through this event, the City encourages our residents to reflect on the themes of Black and African American liberation, healing, and transformation for our city, and hope the event will provide inspiration, history, and opportunities to engage in solutions in addressing systemic inequities, and

WHEREAS, at the June 6, 2023, Study Session, Mayor Woodards shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$2,500 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration, 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:

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Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$2,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsoring the City's 2023 Juneteenth Celebration.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with the City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney