



RESOLUTION NO. 40793

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of up to \$10,000, budgeted from the
4 Council Contingency Fund, for expenditures related to the 2021 Tacoma
5 Reads Together programming and events.

6 WHEREAS “Tacoma Reads” is a local community reads program where the
7 larger community is encouraged to read, think, and discuss compelling and
8 meaningful themes from a selected book, and

9 WHEREAS the City works with the Tacoma Public Library to select titles for
10 adult, young adult, children, and their families around a shared theme; develop
11 programming; and arrange for a Tacoma event with the author of the adult
12 selection, and

13 WHEREAS, in alignment with Resolution No. 40622, the 2021 Tacoma
14 Reads program will engage the community in conversations and programming that
15 explore the topics of race, social justice, and healing, and

16 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Tacoma Urban League as the primary
17 event sponsor, the following titles have been selected for the 2021 Tacoma Reads
18 Program:
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- 20 • The children’s selection is “The Day You Begin,” by Jacqueline Woodson;
- 21 • The young adults selection is “A Good Kind of Trouble,” by Lisa Moore
22 Ramee; and
- 23 • The adult selection is “Caste,” by Isabel Wilkerson, and

24 WHEREAS, through “Caste,” Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson
25 gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she
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1 explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about
2 real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a
3 hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, and

4 WHEREAS the 2021 Tacoma Reads programming will include a virtual event
5 with Isabel Wilkerson which is tailored to the Tacoma community, and

6 WHEREAS Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Council Member
7 Walker have shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time
8 use of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the
9 2021 Tacoma Reads programming and events, and

10 WHEREAS the Tacoma Urban League is providing a sponsorship of \$25,000
11 to expand on the programming for this year's titles, and this would mark the third
12 year that the City Council has provided a \$10,000 sponsorship of the Tacoma
13 Reads program, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
15 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
16 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
17 adopting the budget, and

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

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

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That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for expenditures related to the 2021 Tacoma Reads Together programming and events.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney