



RESOLUTION NO. 40986

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS RUMBAUGH
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with the Multicultural Child and
4 Family Hope Center in the amount of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council
5 Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting the Center's 2022 infant
6 formula drive and purchasing infant formula.

7 WHEREAS the United States has experienced a severe shortage of infant
8 formula this year due to the 2021-2022 global supply chain crisis, compounded by
9 a large-scale product recall, import restrictions, and market concentration, and

10 WHEREAS, unlike other food products, infant formula often does not have
11 an available and acceptable substitute as a source of nutrition for those who rely
12 on it; without infant formula, our most vulnerable populations, both from an income
13 and health perspective, are suffering from these shortages, and

14 WHEREAS the normal out-of-stock rate of infant formula on store shelves is
15 typically 10 percent; as of May 14, 2022, national out-of-stock rates were reported
16 to be up 43 percent from 31 percent two weeks prior, and by May 22, 2022,
17 out-of-stock rates had surged to 70 percent, and

18 WHEREAS, though supply chains are beginning to move and slowly return
19 to regular levels, the impacts of the supply chain crisis will be seen for some time,
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22 WHEREAS, in the City of Tacoma, we are not immune to the global supply
23 chain crisis, and many of our local parents have driven across the state to locate
24 infant formula for their babies, and
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WHEREAS the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center has decided to start a drive to support parents who need infant formula, and

WHEREAS, at the June 7, 2022, Study Session, Council Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the purpose of supporting the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center’s 2022 infant formula drive and purchasing infant formula, and

WHEREAS this funding will help to alleviate the impact to families across Tacoma and provide needed formula now, until regular supply chain and stock levels return, and

WHEREAS, through the agreement with Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, staff will request that the Center provide a report to the City Council on how the funds were utilized, including the amount of formula that the funds were able to acquire and how many families were served by this drive, 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 \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center's 2022 infant formula drive and purchasing infant formula.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Section 3. That the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center will provide a report to the City Council on how the funds were utilized, including the amount of formula that the funds were able to acquire and how many families were served by this drive.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney