



## RESOLUTION NO. 41279

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER, HINES, AND RUMBAUGH

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$12,750,  
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Pictures of  
4 Hope program for Tacoma.

5 WHEREAS Pictures of Hope ("Program") is an award-winning non-profit  
6 created in 2005 by photojournalist and author Linda Solomon, which pairs children  
7 experiencing homelessness with volunteer mentors who help the children express  
8 their hopes and dreams through the lens of a camera, and

9 WHEREAS more than 50 cities have participated in the Program, and it has  
10 received local and national acclaim, having been featured on NBC Nightly News,  
11 ABC World News, the Today Show, USA Today, and CBS Evening News, and  
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13 WHEREAS many of the children participating in the Program have had their  
14 dreams fulfilled by their communities, with one child having the opportunity to attend  
15 college when a university president saw her picture of hope and granted her a four-  
16 year, fully funded scholarship, and  
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18 WHEREAS the City's one-time sponsorship of the Program would enable  
19 Pictures of Hope to work with the Tacoma Rescue Mission ("Mission") to serve  
20 fifteen children experiencing homelessness, with each participating child being  
21 paired with a volunteer mentor from the community who will work with the child to  
22 learn about their hopes and dreams, and then help them take photos which reflect  
23 them, and  
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25 WHEREAS the children will be shown how to use a digital camera and each  
26 one will receive their own camera and memory card, as well as a camera bag, to



1 keep as gifts, along with packets of their photos printed on cards to sell, with all  
2 proceeds benefitting the Mission, and

3 WHEREAS this contingency fund request would allow the City to sponsor  
4 the Program and partner with the Mission, and will provide the following items:

- 5 (1) Fifteen Kodak Pro Digital cameras and memory cards for the children;  
6 (2) Fifteen Pictures of Hope tee shirts and camera bags; (3) Fifteen enlarged  
7 16 x 20 photographs for the final exhibition; (4) Additional gifts, including  
8 photographic medals, provided by the Program; (5) Boxes of 250 copies of the  
9 children's Pictures of Hope cards to be printed and shipped to the Mission; and  
10 (6) Travel and lodging for Linda Solomon to lead the program, and

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13 WHEREAS, at the October 3, 2023, Study Session, Council Member Hines  
14 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$12,750  
15 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the Program for Tacoma, and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less  
26 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$12,750, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsoring the Pictures of Hope program (“Program”) for Tacoma.

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

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Interim City Attorney