



RESOLUTION NO. 41940

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR IBSEN

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$1,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Juneteenth
4 Prayer Breakfast, organized by Equitas Collective.

5 WHEREAS the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast ("Breakfast"), a
6 nondenominational event, serves as the civic cornerstone of Juneteenth: A Road to
7 Economic Freedom, setting the tone for Washington State's largest Juneteenth
8 celebration, to be held on the morning of June 19, 2026, at the LeMay Car
9 Museum, and

10 WHEREAS the Breakfast brings together community leaders, residents,
11 businesses, and organizations to reflect on the significance of Juneteenth and
12 recommit to the values of justice, unity, opportunity, and shared prosperity, and
13 through remarks, recognition of community leadership, and fellowship, the event
14 honors the legacy of emancipation while highlighting the ongoing work required to
15 advance equity and economic opportunity for all, and

16 WHEREAS this year's themes of freedom, economic justice, accountability,
17 and hope underscore the importance of creating pathways to economic mobility and
18 strengthening partnerships that support thriving communities, and these themes
19 carry forward throughout the broader Juneteenth celebration, which welcomes more
20 than 20,000 attendees, features nationally recognized performing artists, and
21 showcases hundreds of small businesses, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and
22 community partners, and
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WHEREAS sponsorship of this event supports critical event logistics and programming while demonstrating the City’s commitment to recognizing Juneteenth as both a celebration of freedom and a call to action, and by supporting the Breakfast, the City helps foster meaningful community dialogue, elevate the contributions of Black residents and businesses, and sets the stage for a day dedicated to unity, economic empowerment, and community connection, and

WHEREAS the Breakfast is organized through extensive collaboration between community leaders, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and public sector partners, and serves as a gathering space for residents, stakeholders, and elected officials to reflect on the significance of Juneteenth and engage in dialogue about economic opportunity, equity, and community well-being, and

WHEREAS as the opening event of the region’s largest Juneteenth celebration, the Breakfast helps strengthen relationships across sectors and fosters meaningful community connection and participation, and the City leans on our community leaders who have done the engagement, outreach, and collaboration to design a leading Juneteenth event in Washington, and

WHEREAS the Breakfast advances the City's commitment to equity by recognizing the history, contributions, and ongoing experiences of Black communities while creating space for dialogue, celebration, and economic empowerment, is designed to be accessible to a broad cross-section of the community, and supports inclusive participation by bringing together residents,



1 community organizations, businesses, and civic leaders to foster understanding,
2 opportunity, and belonging, and

3 WHEREAS, at the June 9, 2026, Study Session, Mayor Ibsen shared a
4 Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$1,000 from the
5 Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the Breakfast, and
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7 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
8 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, as well as a financial report
9 provided to the City which shows the source(s) of the funding prior to receiving the
10 \$1,000 contribution, and
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12 WHEREAS the City funds shall be used for solely secular event expenses
13 and shall not be used to support any specific religious activity, 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
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19 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
20 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
21 Therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

24 Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City
25 Council's legislative findings.
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Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$1,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsoring the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Equitas Collective for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney