RESOLUTION NO. 41590

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR HINES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER

A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of $15,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition occurring in Tacoma June 20-22, 2025.

WHEREAS the Special Olympics movement began in 1968 with an aim to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities discover new strengths, abilities, skills, and success through the power of sports, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics Washington began in 1975 and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2025, and the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition ("Event") will take place in the City June 20-22, 2025, and

WHEREAS over 170,000 people in Washington State live with an intellectual and/or developmental disability, and the Special Olympics aims to promote social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, as well as break down stereotypes about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS intellectual and/or developmental disability are terms used when a person has certain limitations in cognitive functioning and skills, including conceptual, social, and practical skills, such as language, social, and self-care skills, and

WHEREAS some causes of intellectual and/or developmental disability, such as Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, birth defects, and infections, can happen before birth, while

some happen while a baby is being born, or soon after birth, and intellectual disability in particular can be diagnosed or occur later in life due to exposure to diseases, toxins, or from injuries such as severe head injury, and

WHEREAS this Event will feature athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to cultivate holistic health, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community, and

WHEREAS this Event will also bring people from across the state to our City, fostering economic gains for our local businesses and hotels, as well as showcase the City as a powerful advocate for inclusion, sports, and physical fitness in Washington State, and

WHEREAS the City's sponsorship would be acknowledged through the use of the City's logo on advertising and promotional materials and other forms of community recognition, and

WHEREAS, at the December 10, 2024, Study Session, Council Member Walker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of $15,000, from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Event occurring in the City June 20-22, 2025, and

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

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of $15,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsoring the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition occurring in the City June 20-22, 2025.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with the Special Olympics Washington 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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Chief Deputy City Attorney