

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AWARD AND PERFORMANCE UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM – COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, in early 2020, in anticipation of the arrival of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) into Santa Clara County (“County”), the San José Fire Department (“Fire Department”) established interim minimum requirements for personal protective equipment (“PPE”); and

WHEREAS, the County was one of the first COVID-19 epicenters in the country and as of August 11, 2020, San José residents make up approximately 67% of the more than 10,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 cases were detected and its spread increased, the Fire Department responded to the threat by establishing additional response and decontamination protocols to minimize risk of responder exposure, which increased the demand or “burn rate” for PPE and decontamination supplies; and

WHEREAS, the PPE and decontamination supply demand levels will continue as long as the COVID-19 threat to responders and essential public safety personnel persists; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) released a funding opportunity under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (“AFG-S”)

Program, which is one of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS designed to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters and strengthen national preparedness and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the AFG-S Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critical PPE and related supplies needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the City applied for the AFG-S grant to secure a sufficient amount of PPE to protect firefighters through June 2021 related to the COVID-19 response, and on June 19, 2020, DHS FEMA notified the City of the grant award in the amount of \$301,124, which requires a 13% Cost Share of \$45,169, for a total amount of \$346,293; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept the AFG-S grant award and use the funds to purchase critically needed PPE and post-call decontamination products to support the safety of front-line personnel who respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and support community resilience through June 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate an award and performance under the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's award under its Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - COVID-19 Supplemental of \$301,125, including City matching funds of \$45,169 for a total of \$346,293.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk