

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIZING AND SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Ciclovía, the City's annual youth-led Open Streets event that promotes healthy and active living, while providing Salinas youth the opportunity for civic engagement and development of leadership skills, successfully held its 7<sup>th</sup> year on October 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Health Department secured a State Active Transportation Program grant that promotes Open Streets events County wide, including Ciclovía Salinas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salinas commits to be a City that promotes healthy lifestyles for children and adults and where active transportation, which includes but is not limited to safe and viable travel choices for bicycling and walking, which provides community members the ability to reach their destination through reliable paths using any of the active transportation methods as a sustainable way of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, to offer complete local regional bikeway and sidewalks network, the City prioritizes and encourages the planning and development of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly projects, complete streets, safe routes to school projects, sidewalks and neighborhoods for both commuter and recreational users, with connectivity to transit stations, employment centers, schools, shopping centers and recreational areas; and; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Salinas' natural settings make our City an ideal location for residents of all ages and visitors to travel outdoors on a bicycle or by foot, both recreationally and as a commuter; with proven overall health benefits, financial savings from reduced vehicle and fuel costs, and with much less impact on the environment; and; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's General Plan, specifically the Land Use Element, Conservation, Open Space & Safety Element and Circulation Element, promotes walkable neighborhoods to improve the health of the community and reduce energy consumption, on and off-site improvements that include, but are not limited to, the construction of sidewalks, bicycle lanes, lighting, and ADA ramps that aid the accessibility of those that are differently-abled as well as families with strollers, which are all important goals that provide a strong framework for supporting active transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salinas continuously seeks out potential grant opportunities to secure funding for infrastructure improvements and activities that promote safety, healthy lifestyles and active transportation like Ciclovía (Open Streets) and the Bardin Road and Alvin Drive Safe Routes to Schools Project.

**WHEREAS**, the City has supported and worked with input from youth, community groups, and the public to support activities and infrastructure improvements that support active

living; and

**WHEREAS**, our City's future population is expected to grow, and the creation of a functional system of mobility options including transit, walking, and biking will be essential to the quality of life of community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is planning and building a network of bike and pedestrian facilities that are connected and provide convenient and safe access to all recreational and commercial activity destinations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council supports infrastructure improvements and community events that promotes healthy lifestyles and active transportation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk