RESOLUTION NO. (N.C.S.)

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 63 (RODRIGUEZ)

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 63, as introduced by Assemblymember Rodriguez, will reinstate language in the California Penal Code prohibiting loitering in a public place with the intent to commit prostitution and make that crime a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the bill would allow law enforcement to more effectively address sex trafficking and prostitution in our community while providing a mechanism for police officers to approach potential human trafficking victims to provide outreach and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to formally express its support for Assembly Bill 63 by approving the attached letter of support as an official statement of endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Salinas City Council approves the attached letter of support for California Assembly Bill 63 (as introduced by Assemblymember Rodriguez), pertaining to the reinstatement of language into the California Penal Code prohibiting loitering in a public place with the intent to commit prostitution and make that crime a misdemeanor, and authorizes the Mayor of Salinas to sign the letter on behalf of the City of Salinas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Salinas City Council directs the City Manager to forward copies of the Resolution and the attached letter of support to Assemblymember Rodriguez, the California State Legislature, and other relevant parties.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk