

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

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) BY THE COUNTY OF  
MONTEREY**

**WHEREAS**, a CEDS is a document developed by jurisdictions for the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) to apply for vital funding for community economic development initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey conducted its CEDS process following federal Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 13 CFR §303.6; and

**WHEREAS**, this CEDS was developed with broad-based participation that included the agricultural community and vintners, tourism and hospitality professionals, educators, small business support providers and associations, non-profit representatives, and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the main goals of the document is to determine economic development needs in the community and to take actions to improve the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEDS takes into account and, where appropriate, incorporates or leverages other regional planning efforts, including the use of available federal funds, private sector resources, and state support which can advance a region's CEDS goals and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEDS process analyzes existing regional conditions, opportunities, and global economic conditions, leading to a region-specific strategy-driven plan for economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEDS must be updated every five years to stay relevant with changing economic conditions and to qualify for U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding assistance under its Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, EDA has been an important partner in financing economic development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to summarizing the status of the local economy and areas of opportunities, the focal point of the CEDS is identification of projects that may be eligible for federal grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the CEDS is a federal requirement which the County, and qualified organizations within the County, must meet to apply to EDA for Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance Program grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey has released a draft of the proposed CEDS for a required 30-day public comment period and has requested that local jurisdictions provide feedback

on the proposed CEDS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council hereby declares its support for the CEDS and asks that the County Board of Supervisors adopt the CEDS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that City Council authorizes its staff to convey a copy of this Resolution and comments from the City to the County of Monterey.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

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Kimbley Craig, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk