

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE H, A BALLOT MEASURE TO PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS AT THE MARCH 7, 2017 COUNTY ELECTION

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (“County”) is facing a pervasive and deepening homeless crisis, which currently endangers the health and safety of tens of thousands of residents; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous scale of homelessness in the County threatens the economic stability of the region by burdening emergency medical services and social services infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (“LAHSA”), the number of people experiencing homelessness in the County on any given night was roughly 46,874, an overall increase of 2,502 (6%) from 2015 and 19% more than in 2013; and

WHEREAS, among the people experiencing homelessness throughout the County, the number of people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016 and 123% from 2013 to 2016, from 5,153 persons to 11,472; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is also increasing in the suburbs of the County, with the homeless population in the South Bay having grown by 10 percent from 2015 to 2016, from 5,351 to 5,913; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the County of Los Angeles launched the Homeless Initiative and conducted an inclusive and comprehensive planning process, convening 18 policy summits with participation from over 100 community partners and stakeholders, 25 County departments, and 30 cities including the City of Hermosa Beach to develop a strategic plan to address the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, on February 9th, 2016, the City and County of Los Angeles adopted strategic plans to help prevent and end homelessness in the region over the next ten years. The County’s Homeless Initiative strategic plan includes 47 strategies that focus on the following components toward combating homelessness: Prevention; Subsidized Housing; Increasing Incomes; Case Management and Services; Creating a Coordinated System; and increasing Affordable/Homeless Housing; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2016-17, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved new, one-time funding to initiate the implementation of the strategies developed by the Homeless Initiative, however, this funding and current resources are not sufficient to fund Countywide initiatives and services to combat homelessness on an ongoing basis at the levels required to address the current crisis; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2017, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion introduced by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

to place Measure H on the March 2017 ballot, which is a quarter-cent Sales Tax with a ten year sunset aimed at raising much of the funds needed annually to implement the Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that, if approved by the voters, Measure H would generate approximately \$355 million per year over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of Measure H can only be used to address and prevent homelessness throughout Los Angeles County and requires a Citizens Advisory committee to ensure that the funding is effectively spent, with specific performance standards for each strategy funded and an independent evaluation every year by an outside expert; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Measure H will help 45,000 people experiencing homelessness to obtain permanent stable housing and another 30,000 people avoid becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, support for the proposed sales tax measure is consistent with the City's commitment to providing services to our community members and participating in regional efforts to combat homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the foregoing Recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach supports MEASURE H – THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLAN TO PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Hermosa Beach City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2017.

MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney