

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO**

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY) Resolution No. 2019-_____)
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE))
4 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO))
5 EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING))
6 WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT))
7 CORPORATION OF SAN BENITO COUNTY))
8 ALLOCATING FUNDS TOWARDS ECONOMIC))
9 DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SAN BENITO COUNTY))

7 **WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Corporation of San Benito County (“EDC”) is a
8 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that has been instrumental in providing assistance with economic
9 development related to industrial recruitment, business retention and expansion, business start-up,
10 and marketing efforts within San Benito County; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the EDC previously staffed an Executive Director position, partially funded with
11 contributions from the County General Fund; and

12 **WHEREAS**, County contributions have not been allocated since Fiscal Year 2012/2013; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the EDC was instrumental in collaborating with the City of Hollister and County of
14 San Benito in the adoption of the 2017 San Benito County Economic Development Strategy
15 (“CEDS”); and

15 **WHEREAS**, in previous years, the EDC assisted the City of Hollister and County of San Benito in
16 economic development within San Benito County through recruitment of industrial businesses such
17 as Corbin, Milgard, and West Marine, and through ongoing efforts to support business retention and
18 expansion, but momentum was stalled with the elimination of the County’s contributions and the
19 impacts of the great recession; and

19 **WHEREAS**, implementation of the CEDS, pursuit of grants and business recruitment, and business
20 expansion and retention programs require an ongoing investment to support a paid, qualified,
21 economic development coordinator; and

21 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2019-94, the City Council of the City of Hollister recently
22 committed to contribute funds and authorized the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of
23 Understanding with the EDC for economic development purposes; and

23 **WHEREAS**, during the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget hearings, the Board of Supervisors
24 approved the allocation of \$100,000.00 to the EDC for economic development purposes; and

25 **WHEREAS**, a draft Memorandum of Understanding reflecting the County’s allocation of funds to
26 the EDC to support economic development within San Benito County, has been submitted to the
27 Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San
28 Benito that it hereby makes the following findings:

1. It is in the public interest to foster economic development within San Benito County;

2. The Board recognizes the past contributions the EDC has made towards economic development within San Benito County, and desires the EDC's continued assistance regarding implementation of the CEDS, ongoing pursuit of grants and business recruitment, and support of business expansion and retention programs within San Benito County; and
3. The Board recognizes the potential for economic development that can be attained by the EDC from developing and sustaining an economic coordinator within San Benito County, supported in part by contributions from the County of San Benito and City of Hollister.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito that it hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Economic Development Corporation of San Benito County, subject to County Counsel's approval as to legal form, reflecting the terms and conditions of the County's allocation of funds to the EDC, to support economic development within San Benito County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Supervisor(s):
 Noes: Supervisor(s):
 Absent: Supervisor(s):
 Abstain: Supervisor(s)

By: _____
 Mark Medina, Chair

ATTEST:
 Janet Slibsager, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
 San Benito County Counsel's Office

By: _____

By: Shirley L. Murphy
 Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

Date: _____

Date: Sept. 5, 2019