

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        )

10   **WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Corporation of San Benito County (“EDC”) is a  
11   501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that has been instrumental in providing assistance with economic  
12   development related to industrial recruitment, business retention and expansion, business start-up,  
13   and marketing efforts within San Benito County; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San  
37   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 10<sup>th</sup> 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