RESOLUTION NO. 2018-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, TO SUPPORT "MOVE 1-15 THROUGH THE TEMECULA AND ELSINORE VALLEYS," A SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL TASK FORCE CREATED TO ADDRESS THE DAILY INTERSTATE 15 TRAFFIC CONGESTION FROM CAJALCO ROAD TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LINE.

Whereas, on Thursday, November 30, 2017, the Cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Pala Band of Indians and the Pechanga Tribe, convened at Temecula City Hall to discuss traffic on Interstate 15 as residents, visitors, businesses and commuters from all cities in Southwest Riverside County that travel to, from, or through Southwest Riverside County are significantly delayed on Interstate 15; and,

Whereas, Interstate 15 starting at Cajalco Road through the San Diego County line is ranked as one of the worst freeway segments in the United States by INRIX Research, and other publications, in terms of traffic and economic cost of congestion; and is a major economic and quality of life concern to all cities of Southwest Riverside County, and beyond; and,

Whereas, Interstate 15 through Southwest Riverside County is an essential corridor for freight and commerce throughout Western United States connecting Southern California to Canada through the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and is in need of regional, state and federal infrastructure funding; and,

Whereas, a Regional Task Force "Move 1-15 through the Temecula and Elsinore Valleys" will be structured by the Cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Canyon Lake, Pala Band of Indians and the Pechanga Tribe to work as a collective voice and include Caltrans, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and other partners, as well as federal, state and county officials; and,

Whereas, "Move 1-15 through the Temecula and Elsinore Valleys" Task Force recognizes the six-city regional need to improve Interstate 15 by constructing more lanes and improvements along Interstate 15 from Cajalco Road to the San Diego County line; and that there is a direct correlation to reducing commuter traffic by attracting higher paying jobs to the region, and supporting high-quality, affordable housing for those working in the service job sector who sustain the region's tourism and hospitality industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> Appoint the City Council's existing Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Subcommittee, which includes Councilmember and RCTC Commissioner Robert Magee as the appointed delegate and Mayor Natasha Johnson as the appointed alternate, to the regional task force "Move 1-15 Through the Temecula and Elsinore Valleys" to serve as part of a unified regional voice in Southwest Riverside County in support of expanding Interstate 15 from Cajalco

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Road to the San Diego County line to improve the health and safety, quality of life, and economic needs of the citizenry of Lake Elsinore and the region as a whole.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

<u>Section 4</u>. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

Passed and Adopted on this 13th day of March, 2018.

Natasha Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Susan M. Domen, MMC City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss. CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE)

I, Susan M. Domen, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ was adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, at the Regular meeting of _____, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

> Susan M. Domen, MMC City Clerk