

RESOLUTION NO 2463**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
SUPPORTING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES'
RESOLUTION ON SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTION
TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY
CITIES TO 2%**

WHEREAS, the State receives five times as much sales tax revenue as cities throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax revenue retained by the State from individual cities often exceeds the general fund budgets of those cities where the sales tax revenue originates; and

WHEREAS, cities provide services that directly benefit the quality of life in hundreds of communities throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the public benefits of cities' services include the maintenance of property values, reduced risk to health and safety caused by crime, fires, medical emergencies, poor sanitation, and poor building and road construction; and

WHEREAS, cities' services provide important cultural and economic benefits through parks and recreation programs, library and senior programs, removal of blight from inner cities and older neighborhoods, and through business attraction efforts that provide jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State has acted to reduce the amount of revenue received by cities in recent years forcing many cities throughout California to augment their revenues by imposing local assessments, fees, or taxes, or to make cuts in essential services; and

WHEREAS, because cities receive only a small fraction of the money collected through voter-approved Proposition 172 (Public Safety Augmentation Fund), public safety services like police and fire services face drastic financial reductions in many cities throughout California in light of State takeaways and State-imposed mandates; and