

RESOLUTION NO. 5014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
ENDORSING MEASURE I, THE CITY'S
TEMPORARY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX MEASURE"**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012, the Soledad City Council adopted Resolution No. 4744, calling for an election for consideration of approval of an ordinance that would authorize the City Council to levy a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax (sales tax) for a limited five (5) year period to preserve funding for general city services; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance was submitted to and approved by the registered voters in the City of Soledad as "Measure Y," at the consolidated state election held on June 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soledad desires to submit to the voters at a November 4, 2014 consolidated general and municipal election a question relating to the extension of the term of the City's existing Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) in order to maintain a consistent and reliable source of supplemental funding for the General Fund for general City services, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C, Section 2, Government Code Section 53724, Elections Code Section 9222, and the Municipal Code of the City of Soledad; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014, the Soledad City Council adopted Resolution No. 5001, ordering an election, requesting the Monterey County Elections Department to conduct the election, and requesting consolidation of the election to consider a fifteen year extension of the City's Temporary Transactions and Use Tax; and

WHEREAS, passage of Measure "I" is expected to generate an estimated \$1.3 million dollars per year, exclusively for the use of the City of Soledad for services in the City of Soledad, free of any requirements that such funding be shared with the State or related State entities; and

WHEREAS, passage of Measure "I" would provide a consistent source of secure and stable funding that will allow the City to avoid significant reductions in essential City services, such as police and fire safety services, street, park and facility maintenance and programs for youths; and

WHEREAS, passage of Measure "I" will continue the life and use of a citizen based oversight committee, charged with the responsibility of reviewing and making recommendations concerning the expenditure of funds generated by the tax, which will ensure fiscally sound use of the new tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Council sincerely believes that the passage of Measure "I" will assist the City to continue to be the kind of special place where people will want to live, raise a family, do business and visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad, and each member hereof, does hereby endorse Measure "I", the City's Temporary Transactions and Use Tax Measure."

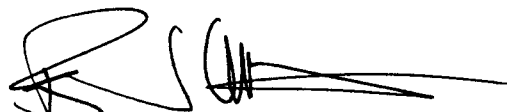
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the citizens of Soledad to learn the facts concerning the City's current economic status in order to make a reasoned and educated decision concerning Measure "I".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding this endorsement, the Council is fully aware of the restrictions imposed on the use of City funds to support ballot measures, and represents that no public funds shall be used in the campaign for or against Measure "I".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 1st day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Christopher K. Bourke, Richard J. Perez, Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez and Mayor Fred J. Ledesma

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| NOES, Councilmembers: | None |
| ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: | None. |
| ABSENT, Councilmembers: | Patricia D. Stephens |



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor

ATTEST:



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk