

RESOLUTION NO. 5137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD ADOPTING THE SOLEDAD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CANINE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in February, 2013 the Soledad Police Department received two experienced canines for free from the Zustan K-9 Services agency; and

WHEREAS, two officers received discounted training for the POST 160 hour Basic K-9 Handler Course and became State certified canine handlers with their POST certified canines; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2013, the Soledad Police Department activated the Canine Program; and

WHEREAS, each canine and handler maintains their POST certification by training 16 hours each month in suspect apprehension and narcotics detection; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Program operates under the Soledad Police Department's Lexipol Policy and follows the POST Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Program has been responsible for hundreds of felony arrests ranging from firearm violations to possession of controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Program has enhanced the Soledad Police Department's Community Policing efforts through regular school presentations and visits at National Night Out, the Cops Giving Tree and other annual community policing events; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Program has become an invaluable crime prevention tool and has contributed to an overall reduction in Part I Crimes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad hereby adopts the Soledad Police Department's Canine Program.

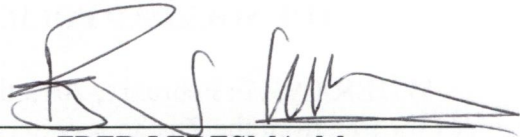
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 4th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NOES, Councilmembers: None

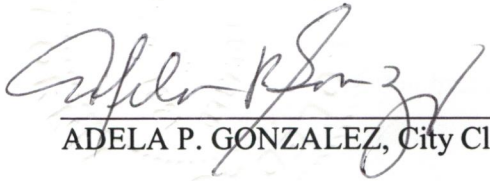
ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None



FRED LEDESMA, Mayor

ATTEST:



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk