

**RESOLUTION NO. 5383**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD TO APPROVE AND SUPPORT PROPOSITION 68, THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature adopted and governor signed SB 5, a \$4 Billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, California Outdoor economy is a \$92 Billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California's local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 contains \$215 Million in Per Capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional \$40 Million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests no less than \$1 Billion in California's most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends \$200 Million on California's State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 Billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitorship opportunities in adjacent communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests \$30 Million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 recognizing the importance of California's rural spaces and invests \$25 Million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resource-related infrastructure including California's rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state's mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 underwrites improvements in the state flood management systems, armoring against calamities that beset the state including Oroville and elsewhere.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Soledad hereby supports Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Soledad supports and can be listed as a member of the Californians for Clean Water and Safe Park coalition.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, by the following vote:

**AYES**, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Christopher Bourke, Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez, Carla Stewart and Mayor Fred Ledesma

NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: Velazquez

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor

ATTEST:



MICHAEL McHATTEN, City Clerk