

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, TO
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$112,026 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL, TOBACCO LAW
ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND
APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Merced ("City") is interested in participating in the Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant Program ("Program"), which is made available through The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Prop 56) and administered by the California Department of Justice ("DOJ") to support local efforts to reduce the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors in the City; and

WHEREAS, following the City's submittal of a proposal for the Program, the DOJ offered to award \$112,026 for the three-year grant program beginning November 21, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used for educational presentations, overtime costs related to tobacco enforcement operations, and local retailer inspection operations; and,

WHEREAS, in order to be considered eligible to receive grant funding, the City must submit a completed Grant Award Memorandum of Understanding to the DOJ.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager or designated representative is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$112,026 from the DOJ.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or designated representative is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute the grant documents and to submit all documents, including, without limitation, contacts, amendments, extensions and payment requests as appropriate to accept the funds under and comply with the conditions of the grant.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to establish all required accounts and make any and all expenditures, appropriations, transfers and/or distributions of funds on behalf of the City as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant ongoing law enforcement expenditures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

Mayor

ATTEST:
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell 12/19/2025
City Attorney Date