

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA TO REQUEST GOVERNOR NEWSOM DEVELOP A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE AN INTERSTATE COMPACT BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA TO STOP THE ILLICIT IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS FROM NEVADA INTO CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS**, for many days leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and other holidays, Richmond residents are being treated to a cacophony of deafening noises, booms, bangs and amateur illegal aerial fireworks displays; and

**WHEREAS**, those fireworks traumatize people and pets, cause injuries and create fire hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, local fire and law enforcement agencies are kept busy responding nightly to residents' complaints about these illegal aerial displays and celebratory explosives; and

**WHEREAS**, these amateur fireworks are illegal in California and in most Nevada jurisdictions with a few exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, little or nothing is done to stop the interdiction of these illegal, dangerous items into California's local jurisdictions, which have become the first and only line of defense against illegal fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, for the better part of the last two decades, there has been no border integrity or inspections for illegal fireworks, resulting in many individual criminal entrepreneurs as well as large commercial operations smuggling these dangerous, illegal fireworks into the state without fear of being caught or suffering any criminal consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, there are six fireworks stores in Southern Nevada in the city of Pahrump and seven stores immediately northeast of Reno selling the full range of federally-approved fireworks that are illegal in California; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates suggest that these thirteen stores account for at least 65 to 75 percent of the illegal fireworks used in California; and

**WHEREAS**, by focusing on the out-of-state sources of these illegal fireworks, state officials can work to disrupt the supply chain of illegal fireworks and prevent them from ever reaching California communities in the first place; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Fire Marshal's advisory body General Fireworks Advisory Committee" (GFAC) unanimously adopted a resolution to recommend that State Fire Marshal seek Governor Gavin Newsom's authorization to initiate discussions to explore an Interstate Compact or an Interstate Agreement between California and Nevada.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Richmond will join other jurisdictions to ask California Governor Gavin Newsom to establish a joint task force comprised of fire and law enforcement agencies from California and Nevada to collaboratively address the issue of illegal fireworks, as well as to negotiate an interstate compact with Nevada to better control the flow of illegal fireworks into California via a shared database of recorded sales.

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**\*\*\*THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW\*\*\***

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on Mmmm dd, yyyy, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

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Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }       : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on Mmmm dd, yyyy.

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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond