## **RESOLUTION NO. 5492-20**

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY, BALLOT MEASURE 34-296

**FINDINGS:** The Washington County Public Safety Levy was created in 2000 to serve all the residents of Washington County with sheriff's patrol public safety services, including special enforcement teams, prosecutors, juvenile councilors, probation and parole services, emergency shelters for the homeless victims of domestic violence, and mental health response teams. This is a replacement levy that includes a five-cent increase over the current rate. This is the first rate increase since voters initially approved the levy in 2000.

**WHEREAS,** this levy includes funding for emergency shelter and services for women and children of domestic abuse and violence, and victims' assistance programs for victims of other crimes;

WHEREAS, this levy includes funding for mental health response teams that pair a deputy and a mental health clinician together to be sure people in a mental health crisis get medical assistance, often instead of being taken to jail;

**WHEREAS,** this levy includes funding for prevention programs that helped reduce juvenile crime over the past ten years, even as our population has grown in Washington County;

**WHEREAS,** this levy includes funding for operation of the jail and work release center at full capacity to minimize early release of offenders due to overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, this levy includes funding for interagency enforcement teams (Major Crimes, Narcotics and Tactical Negotiations) that serve every part of Washington County, including the cities.

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## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN:

**Section 1.** The Tualatin City Council supports the passage of the Washington County Public Safety Ballot Measure 34-296 on the May 19, 2020 ballot.

**Section 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

**INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council at its regular meeting this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

City of Tualatin, Oregon

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATTEST

City Attorney

City Recorder