

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, specifically state that “*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*” Inherent in these rights is a fundamental desire for self-determination; and

Whereas, in order to best preserve and protect the liberty guaranteed in our existing Constitution, government must have sufficient power vested in it to protect these individual rights, but never so much power that it inadvertently or intentionally tramples on these rights; and

Whereas, power is therefore divided in the Constitution between the states and the federal government, and further divided in the federal government between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, to preserve local control and state sovereignty while preventing concentrated power and tyranny; and

Whereas, when taking the oath of office, elected and appointed officials, as well as military personnel, reaffirm their commitment to the existing Constitution, when they recite, “*I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.*”; and

Whereas, any amendments to the existing Constitution must be made either by Congress with a two-thirds majority vote in both the House of Representatives and Senate, or by a Constitutional Convention called for by two-thirds of the State legislatures, and ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof; and

Whereas, any attempts to establish a subservience to a federal government that purports to act in the best interest of all, directly conflicts with the existing Constitution and its intended balance of power between the federal and state government, and

Whereas, any such attempts also conflict with the existence of congressional representatives in the House and Senate who are directly elected by the people to ensure all perspectives are considered, and that no single voice becomes so strong as to diminish the importance of the full republic; and

Whereas, the founders of this great nation, recognized that despite varying forms of political philosophies throughout the world, a Constitutional Republic was the best form of government to preserve genuine liberty in the United States of America; and

Whereas, while the Great Recession seemingly tore a hole in the fabric of the national economy and the American people's belief in capitalism, recovery occurred because of this framework, and not in spite of it; and

Whereas, all other economic and political schools of thought including socialism and communism, have emerged as a serious threat to our republic and the representation described in our Constitution; and

Whereas, socialism specifically is defined in Merriam-Webster as "*any of the various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods; a system of society or group living in which there is no private property; and a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state,*" and therefore inherently conflicts with the principles outlined in the existing Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, we encourage all local, state and federal governments to reaffirm their commitment to the existing Constitution of the United States and to their oath of office by adopting similar resolutions;

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby reaffirm its commitment to support and defend the principles outlined above and set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America and in our oath of office.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Michael S. Naggar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 19- was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Randi Johl, City Clerk