MODESTO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY/CITY AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS AND THE MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE TWO MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND/OR BEHAVORIAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS TO RIDE WITH CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINED POLICE OFFICERS AND RESPOND TO MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MODESTO, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Modesto Police Department (MPD), identified approximately 19,000 calls for service involving quality of life related crimes and calls for service containing behavioral health related keywords; and

WHEREAS, of the 19,000 calls for service, nearly 7,000 (4%) contained keywords indicating a potential officer safety/public safety concern associated with the call; and

WHEREAS, MPD has maintained a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Stanislaus through its department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) for the provision of a co-responder model called the Mobile Crisis Emergency Response Team (MCERT) where behavioral health professionals would ride with crisis intervention trained MPD officers and respond to behavioral health calls for service together; and

WHEREAS, this model was used until approximately 2017 when various staffing and funding issues halted its continuation: and

WHEREAS, MPD has maintained an MOU with BHRS to provide crisis response support in limited situations: and

WHEREAS, MPD seeks to amend the existing MOU with BHRS to allow for the reinstitution of this important partnership with the City reimbursing the County for the costs of two full-time Mental Health Clinicians and/or Behavioral Health Specialists in an amount not to exceed \$390,303 and extend the term of the existing MOU to June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby approves a first amendment to the County/City agency Memorandum of Understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the MOU, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOSE M. SANCHEZ, City Attorney

BY: