

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1350**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIFORNIA,  
COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES  
IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council's first priority is the health and safety of our residents, businesses, and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, Decisions affecting the health and well-being of every member of the community has been and will continue to be at the forefront of every decision; and,

**WHEREAS**, As a result of the pandemic, there has been an increase in social isolation, depression among our youth, social isolation and nutritional insecurity for senior citizens, under-reporting by mandated reporters, and the overall need for mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City is committed to supporting schools, in our jurisdiction, with the safe reopening for in-person instruction while adhering to all of the COVID safety guidelines for students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City has expanded our meal distribution program, transportation services, and wellness checks for the City's senior population; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City has allocated three rounds of Community Development Block Grant funding totaling over \$550,000 to Family Assistance Ministries, South County Outreach, Age Well Senior Services, and Mercy House Living Centers to assist residents impacted by the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, In collaboration with Family Assistance Ministries, the City has hosted and promoted a local food distribution and collection event; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City has provided the community with mental health services and resources through non-profit organizations and the County of Orange; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City has implemented a comprehensive public education and outreach program to keep the community informed and provide valuable resources to help residents and businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, Our City has supported Laguna Niguel businesses throughout this pandemic by launching an Economic Recovery Team, providing for the Flexible-use Outdoor Dining Programs through Temporary Use Permits, and through strong promotion of and guidance through County, State, and Federal grant and loan assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City and the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce have partnered to launch and promote the Shop and Dine Laguna Niguel Campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 170 Laguna Niguel Businesses have received a total of \$1,646,160 through the County's Business Grant Program, and an additional \$2 million will be made available from the County in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, Our City will continue to seek out ways to support residents and businesses now and in the future.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of Laguna Niguel, as follows:

- A. That our City remains steadfast in its commitment to the public health and safety of all our residents, businesses, and community members.
- B. That Laguna Niguel residents are best served through local efforts to mitigate many of the detrimental and unforeseen adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- C. That our City is committed to providing a vibrant quality of life for all our residents, businesses, and visitors in a safe, beautiful, and involved community.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.