WHEREAS, California’s Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018); and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has developed a homelessness plan, a homeless taskforce and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa finds that 1,607 persons within the County of Contra Costa are homeless and living without shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond finds that the number of homeless is significant and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in the city is threatened by a lack of shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council adopted Resolution 48-18 declaring homelessness a public health crisis at the regular on June 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond affirms its commitment to combating homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2 exists in the City of Richmond, and authorizes the city’s participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held October 2, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beckles.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
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. 79-18, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on October 2, 2018.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond