

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LAWSUIT
FILED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND GAVIN
NEWSOM, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF
CALIFORNIA, CHALLENGING FEDERAL TARIFFS THAT
THREATEN THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE BORDER
REGION

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is part of a unique binational region centered around the busiest land border crossing in the world, through which over 100,000 people travel daily for work, education, tourism, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego–Tijuana region generates over \$60 billion in international trade annually, supporting jobs and economic growth throughout California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the region is economically and socially integrated, with a workforce, business community, and transportation systems that depend on cross-border mobility, predictability, and stability; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2025, the State of California, by and through Governor Gavin Newsom, filed a lawsuit challenging the broad tariffs imposed by the federal government, citing their disproportionate and destabilizing impact on California’s border communities; and

WHEREAS, these tariffs have increased costs, introduced economic uncertainty, and undermined key sectors vital to the region's economy—not only tourism and trade, but also manufacturing, supply chain logistics, and small businesses that depend on binational cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista recognizes that the strength of our regional economy is directly tied to the health and efficiency of our border infrastructure and cross-border relationships—any disruption at the border reverberates across local industries and households; and

WHEREAS, the City is already seeing the consequences of these policies through constrained fiscal planning and uncertainty during the current budget cycle, complicating efforts to invest confidently in public infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s interest to advocate for economic stability, regional resilience, and policies that reflect the lived reality and interconnectedness of our border region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it expresses its support for Governor Gavin Newsom’s lawsuit challenging federal tariffs, and directs the City Manager to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor and any other relevant state or federal agencies.

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