RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE IDENTITY OF, AND THE APPREHENSION OF, THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF SUSAN WAGNER.

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside may offer and pay rewards as authorized by Section 53069.5 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Section 53069.5 specifically authorizes the City to offer and pay a reward, the amount thereof to be determined by the City for information leading to the determination of the identify of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 19873, approving the Riverside Police Department's Reward Program and authorizing its implementation; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2019, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to the end of Orion Street regarding an injured individual. When they arrived, they found victim, Susan Wagner, suffering from head injuries consistent with an assault; and

WHEREAS, the victim was transported to the hospital where she eventually succumbed to her injuries; and

WHEREAS, investigators with the Riverside Police Department have worked tirelessly to solve this unsolved crime; and

WHEREAS, investigators believe that there may be witnesses with information to this crime who have not yet come forward; and

WHEREAS, the offer would be consistent with and is taken for the immediate protection of public peace, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the offense was of such a nature or committed under special circumstances that as a matter of public policy, the City of Riverside should provide a reward as an added inducement or incentive for persons to come forth with information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator(s); and

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WHEREAS, the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel and manifested exceptional depravity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, that a reward in the amount of $10,000 is hereby approved and authorized for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person responsible for the acts stated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offer of reward by the City shall be effective for a period of sixty (60) days or for the term of any extension thereof which may be approved by the City Council prior to the termination of the offer of reward. An offer of reward by the City shall terminate by payment, by revocation, or by withdrawal thereof by the City Council by resolution, motion, or council report adopted by a majority vote of the City Council or by expiration of the time period set forth in the resolution offering the reward or any extension thereof which was approved by the City Council while the offer was otherwise effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all decisions with respect to the relevance or materiality of information received, whether or not utilized in establishing the determination of the identity of and the apprehension of any one or more persons, and whether such information provides a basis for the payment of a reward, are within the sole discretion of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all determinations effective, or dispositive of the offer of reward, shall be within the sole discretion of the City Council and shall be final.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 53069.5, the person or persons responsible for the murder of Susan Wagner shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid pursuant to this Section and if the person is an unemancipated minor, his or her parent or guardian shall also be liable for the amount.

ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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William R. Bailey, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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Attest:

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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