

Resolution No.: XXXXX

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS AFFECTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING

WHEREAS, San Diego is a world leader in biomedical research, education, workforce development, commercialization, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health is an essential partner in San Diego's biomedical success, providing over a billion dollars in funding annually; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health makes a significant contribution to regional economic vitality and biomedical innovations that improve the health of San Diegans; and

WHEREAS, recent federal actions toward the National Institutes of Health include proposing a 40% budget cut, terminating over 1,200 employees including leading experts, capping reimbursements for science infrastructure at unsustainable levels, delaying new grant approvals, slowing merit-based peer review, and cancelling grants already vetted by independent panels of scientific experts.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors expresses concern regarding recent federal actions towards the National Institute of Health that negatively impact our biomedical sector and calls for increased federal funding for the National Institutes of Health, including funding state-of-the-art scientific infrastructure at sustainable levels, in order to advance San Diego's biomedical leadership and drive our regional innovation economy.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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